Fahd begins visit to France

PARIS 1AP1 — President Francois Mitterrand greeted King Fahd of Saudi Arabia as he arrived in Paris Wednesday for a two-day state visit, the last in a series of trips that has taken the monarch from Algeria to Britain. There has been no official indication of the topics to be discussed with Mr. Mitterrand and Premier Jacques Chirac, but it is thought they will cover the Middle East problem and the Iran-Iraq war. King Fahd's visit comes amid fierce competition between France. Britain, West Germany, Italy and the Netherlands for a 23-billion Irane (nearly \$4-billion) Saudi naval contract. In mrd-March, France concluded a 3.5-billion franc (about \$583-million) contract to equip Saudi internal security forces. It is now vying to supply the kinedem with six to eight submannes and to construct a military town and naval base in Jeddah France last year imported 23 per cent of its oil from Saudi Arabia, making that country its prime oil supplier. But improving relations have recently taken a decidedly political turn, with recent visits by the French defence and interior ministers to Rivadh and visits by Saudi officials to Paris

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Klibi assails Israeli actions

TUNIS (R) — The head of the Arab League on Wednesday condemned as barbaric Israel's reaction to an upsurge of Palestinian resistance in Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi Bank and Gaza. Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi said thousands of Israelis had besieged the Palestinian town of Kalkilya, attacked innocent civihans and laid waste to fields "in sight of and with knowledge of Israeli forces, who do nothing to stop these atrocities." "Israeli leaders want their voice to dominate all others and that the world only have ears for their wife sa calls for liberty for Jews, for the rights of Jews, and Jewish attachment to the motherland," he said in a statement. "But they reply with violence and barbarity to any demonstration expressing the aspiration of Arah populations to independence, or their attachment to a state, whether it is in the West Bank, Gaza or Golan, or even their love of freedom.

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AMMAN (Petra) - A delegation made up of members of the Jordanian-Egyptian Buşiness Council returned home on ... James Wednesday after a four-day visit to Egypt during which they discussed bilateral economic and trade relations to support the joint march of the two countries. The council's president, Mamdouh Abu Hassan, sent a cable to Egyptian President Hosni Muharak expressing thanks and appreciation for receiving the delegation and said that the council's meetings gave fruitful and positive results that would boost the joint economic march between Jordan and Egypt.

Tehran criticises Soviet Union

BAHRAIN (AP) — Iran on Wednesday criticised the Soviet Umon's decision to rent oil tankers to Kuwait, whose shipping bas been a frequent target of missilearmed Iranian gunboats. But the head of Kuwait's state-owned tanker fleet has denied his country is renting the Soviet ships, which could be less vulnerable to attack because of their nationality. Moscow has confirmed the tanker-leasing deal on Tuesday. lo Tehran, a Foreign Ministry spokesman described the Soviet move as "surprising" and warned that only Gulf nations were entitled to intervene in regional

Soviet leaders meet U.S. delegation

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and President Andrei Gromyko met at the Kremlin on Wednesday with a U.S. congressional delegation led hy Jim Wright, speaker of the House of Representatives: The delegates met Mr. Gorhachev a day after the Soviet Communist Party general secretary revealed some new arms control proposals in a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz. No details were released on the Wright meeting with Mr. Gor-bachev. The Soviet news agency TASS said Mr. Gromyko told the Wright delegation that Mr. Shultz's reaction to Mr. Gorbachev's new proposals "do not

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protests and strikes

Jews visit Haram Al Sharif under army escort

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Merchants in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah closed their shops for the third straight day Wednesday to protest the killing of a Palestinian student who was shot dead by Israeli soldiers.

Birzeit University officials met to discuss ways to continue stu-dies for the school's 3,000 students following the Israeli army's order that the campus be closed for four months.

The army issued the order Monday after 23-year-old Musa Al Hanafi was shot to death when Israeli troops stormed the Birzeit campus to disperse bundreds of student demonstrators.

The Birzeit clash followed by one day the killing of an Israeli settler who burned to death after attackers threw a firebomh at the car she was travelling in near the West Bank settlement of Alfei

In Arab Jerusalem, Israeli police detained a Palestinian enraged by the presence of 40 Jewish extremists touring the Haram Al Sharif area, a site of two holy Islamic mosques.

"This is my home, don't come m," witnesses quoted the Palesti-

booms cracked over this southern

port city Wednesday as Israeli

warplanes apparently made re-

connaissance flights, a day after

outskirts, police said. The Syrian deployment on the

northern outskirts of Sidon Tues-

day is the farthest south they have

A police statement said two

Israeli jet fighters also hroke the

sound harriers over Beirut, 40

No air attacks were reported in

"It seems the Israelis were

flying an apparent reconnaissance

BEIRUT (Agencies) - A

Lebanese soldier was killed wben

a time-bomh blew up in a fashion-

able suburb of east Beirut on

Wednesday, an army bomb dis-

The Lebanese army's chief

bomb disposal officer, Yousef

Bitar, told Reuters the bomb

exploded in the soldier's Mer-

cedes saloon, hlowing him to

Local radios said the 1100

GMT blast triggered several fires,

and militiamen cordoned off the

fashionable residential area of Jal

Al Deeh, on the northero edge of

It was the third car bombing in

the mainly Christian eastern sector of the Lebanese capital in less

On Sunday, two carbombs ex-

SHARJAH (AP) — Libya and

Iraq are moving towards restor-

than a week.

kilometres to the north.

been since Israel invaded Leba-

Synan troops deployed

non in 1982.

both missions.

posal expert said.

Israeli planes fly over

Syrian positions in Sidon

mission over the new Syrian area tolerate a Syrian presence.

Soldier killed in E. Beirut blast

nian as saying when the Jews began their rour, ostensibly to mark the Jewish Passover

Police allowed groups of six or began shouting and brandished a ordered school closures. ram's horo in violation of a han on ritual objects. Border police armed with M-16 rifles guarded

gious council controlling the area, said; "The mosque is special only to Arah people. This must be only for Muslims, This is not the place for Jews to come and pray." In developments elsewhere in the occupied territories, the Israeli army closed off the main

said Palestinian sources in Gaza. In Ramallah, 35-year-old hiol-

southward was aimed at ending

the 23-month-old battle between

Palestinians and the Shi ite Ama

militia around Sidon's two

Palestinian refugee camps and in

the hills east of the city. Leba-

The 120 Syrian paratroopers

stopped at the Awali River, ab-

refugee camps of Mich Mich and

'Ain Al Hilweh. Press reports

have said Israel considers the

narrow stream 60 kilometres

north of its horder a "red line" beyond which Israel would not

ploded within five minutes in the

suburb of Sadd Al Bouchrieh.

Thirteen civilians were injured

In west Beirut, sticks of dyna-

have triggered several explosions

More than 60 random blasts

have hit west Beirut since some

by police count.

in recent weeks.

non's third largest.

rzeit students were very angry following this week's slaying and the killing of two other Palestinian students in a similar demonstration last December.

ogy professor Tamer Esewi said

"We've lost three of our young men in four months," Prof. Esewi said in an interview. "The only end to the violence will be the end of occupation.*

University officials met to try to devise ways to continue holding classes even though the campus is closed. In the past, professeven Jews to ascend the Dome sors have held classes in churches of the Rock Mosque until one and apartments during Israeli-

"The Israelis are trying to take away onr academic life, hnt we will do whatever we can to keep the group.

Zaid Al Amal Al Jamal, a thorities are just pushing us to senior official of the Waqf reliexpress our bad will."

Ramallah was quiet, with the streets largely empty because of the commercial strike. Israeli soldiers patrolled on foot and in Meanwhile, the Arah Jeru-

salem Arabic language newspap-er Al Fajr in an editorial proshopping street in Gaza City for tested the Israeli detention of several bours after protesters Palestinian leaders who were threw stones at Israeli soldiers, rounded up on Sunday. The

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Iranians rocket SILVIN, Lebanon (AP) - Sonic of deployment," said a police sheep The Syrians said their move

freighter

BAHRAIN (AP) - A Philippines-flag vessel sailing to Kuwait with a load of Australian sheep was attacked and set ahlaze Wednesday by an Iranian gun-boat in the central sector of the Gulf, shipping executives reported.

out eight kilometres from the Gulf-hased marine salvage executives said no casualties were reported among the crew of the stricken 17,950-tonne Corriedale Express. It was not clear what had happened to the sheep

caught in the blaze. The attack took place about 130 kilometres northeast of Qatar at 12:45 a.m. Three tugboats rushed to help the stricken vessel and about three bours later were reported to be bringing the fire under control, the executives

mite thrown from speeding cars The ship was the eighth Kuwaitirelated vessel to be attacked by the Iranians this year. It was carrying the load from the Australian port of Adelaide.

7,000 Syrian troops deployed The London-based Lloyds shipping intelligence unit, which there in February to quell fighting monitors shipping traffic around the world, quoted the captain of between the Shi'te Amal militia the vessel as saying in his Mayday message that the Corriedale Ex-Pro-Syrian militiamen said on Tuesday gunmen killed one of press was "attacked by two Iratheir members in Beirut and nian rockets." attacked a party official in eastern

Lebanon, wounding two body-The salvage executives said that the raiding gunboat only used rocket-propelled grenades, a new practice to which the Ira-Police confirmed that the attacks had taken place but said they did not know the motive. I nians have resorted recently. Libya and Iraq said closer to normal ties

Palestinians keep up Tindemans begins talks reaffirming EC commitment towards Mideast conference

with agency dispatches

AMMAN — Belgian Foreign Minister and European Community (EC) Council of Ministers President Leo Tindemans began talks with Jordanian leaders on Wednesday, reaffirming the 12nation EC's commitment to seeking common grounds for coovening an international peace conference on the Middle East.

During a meeting with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Mr. Tindemans, who will also visit Egypt and Saudi Arabia, confirmed the community was "determined to continue moves towards convening the conference and fulfilling its entrusted role.

reported. The agency said the talks touched on "all proposed concepts ... and the Jordanian concept for an effective confer-Petra, said the Jordanian posi-

tion was in support of the parti-cipation of all parces to the conflict including the Palestine Liberatinn Organisatiun (PLO). His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, the Regent, received Mr. Tindemans later and reviewed with him the outcome of the laiest effurts to remove obstacles in the way of convening the proposed conference. The Belgian minister was also re-ceived hy Prime Minister Zaid

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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. on Wednesday meets with Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans and members of a delegation accompanying him (Petra photo)

Arafat sees

positive'

from U.S.

HARARE (Agencies) - Pales

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat

said Wednesday the United

States recently sent "positive sig-

nals" about a proposed interna-

tional peace conference un the

Mr. Arafat told a news confer-

ence the United States had not

decided to participate in a prop-

osed United Nations General

Assembly peace conference, but

in the last few days some posi-

tive statements have been made

in Washington, the last one hy

(President Ronald) Reagan him-

Mr. Arafat is in Harare for a meeting of the Non-Aligned

signals

Rifai returns; King awaiting doctors advice on travel after minor surgery

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty an international conference and for this reason it is no longer King Hussein has undergone a successful minor operation in the right ear at a London hospital and is due to return to Amman in the comflict and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Zaid Rifai announced here Council should participate. Wednesday.

Mr. Rifai said the King entered hospital last Sunday and left it after the operation the following day but he was awaiting doctors advice about travelling by air which could expose him to air pressure that could affect the

The prime minister was speaking upon returning to Amman from London following a visit to the United States for talks with Reagan administration officials. Mr. Rifai briefed the King in London on his talks in Washington and the attitude of the U.S. administration with regard to Jordan's call for an international peace conference on Middle

Mr. Rifai described his talks in Washington as exploratory and said he conveyed the Arah stand reiterating that no settlement could be reached except through holding the proposed conference officials.

From Lamis K. Andoni

in Algiers

PALESTINIAN factions were en-

gaged on Wednesday in a flurry of negotiations to find a com-

promise formula to regulate the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion's (PLO) relations with Egypt

Front for the Liberation of Pales-

tine (PFLP) - the two largest

PLO groups — showed signs of flexibility in their stands over

convening the Palestine National

On the third day of the Palesti-

nian national dialogue, the PFLP

took the initiative by presenting a comprehensive and thorough re-

view of the faction's political stands against the PLO lead-

ership since 1982. Abu Ali Mus-

tafa, the PFLP's second-in-com-

mand, took the participants by

Council (PNC).

as both Fatch and the Popular

which should be called hy the U.N. secretary-general and in which all concerned parties in the

We have told the administration that this is not a tactical Arab stand but it represents the minimum acceptable level for moving ahead," Mr. Rifai said. Mr. Rifai said he felt there was

a development in the U.S. stand with regard to the international conference idea, "which is no more rejected in Washington which began to see the importance of holding contacts with other members of the U.N. Security Council.

Mr. Rifai said this progress had been the result of Arab diplomatic efforts, especially those carried out by King Hussein with Arab leaders and with the heads of European nations and the Aligned Movement and Islamic nations. These intensive contacts have yielded a semi unanimity by world nations on the need for

PLO factions seek compromise

surprise when he offered an ex-tremely candid self-criticism of

some of the group's political posi-tions towards Fatch and PLO

unity. But at the same time, he

also clarified the PFLP's strategy

and asked Fateh to make a simi-

lar candid reassessment of its

lengthy presentation, did not

backtrack on the PFLP's demand

that the PLO should sever all

official contacts with Cairo as a

precondition for the PFLP's

attendance at the PNC, sche-

duled to be held here on April 20.

Mr. Mustafa indicated that the

PFLP was ready to explore va-

rious formulae which can regulate

the PLO's relations with Cairo if

there was an agreement on a solid

hasis for the PLO's political

According to well-informed

Although Mr. Mustafa, in his

political line since 1982.

formula over ties with Egypt

easy for any country now to ignore it, the prime minister said, The prime minister said King

Hussein received in London a U.S. envoy who conveyed to him that the U.S. administration had emharked on initial contacts with the U.N. secretary general as a prelude to consultations with the other members uf the Security Council. The King also met with the Soviet amhassador to Britain and received a message from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on various subjects, the most important of which was the proposal for an international conference and Jordanian-Soviet coordination in this respect, the prime minister added.

He said King Hussein also met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to discuss the European role in the proposed conference.

Returning with Mr. Rifat Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. They were mei ai airport hy Cabinet members and senior

tion, which was described as a

turning point in the course of the

Palestinian reconciliation dia-

logue, reflected the "progress"

that was reached at a late hour on

Tuesday during a meening of the

major Palestinian factions on the

formulae were discussed. No

further details were available, but

the sources said that a PNC re-

solution regarding relations with

Cairo was expected to include a

clear rejection of the Egyptian-

Israeli Camp David agreement

and related policies, but without

calling for isolating Egypt.
Other sources said that the

Democratic Front for the Libera-

tion of Palestine (DFLP) and the

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Palestinian Communist Party.

The sources said that several

Movement's nine-member commirtee un Palestine, which sup-ports the proposed conference. He said he would return to Algeria to continue talks with PLO factions trying to strengthen their unity before a meeting of the Palestine National Council

Middle East.

(PNC) on April 20. The council would discuss the international conference in detail, he said.

Mr. Arafat refused to comment on reports from Algeria that the PLO has decided to abrogate the Feh. 11, 1985, agreement with

Jordan. He said such a decisiun would be made democratically.

Mr. Arafat said that most countries likely to be involved in the proposed peace talks, includ-ing the Soviet Union and China, had voiced their approval.

"For the first time therefore there is a consensus to hold the conference. This will be the main topic at our meeting in Algiers next week," he said.

Commenting on Syria's military intervention to halt fighting between Palestinian and upposing Amal militias in Lehanon, the PLO leader said the Syrians appeared to be giving security only to the Amal.

There is nu security for Palestinian refugees, who are still under siege from Amal." he said.

Superpowers report progress on missile pact MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union and the United States on ton of pulling back from outline "strong feelings" on the spying said the period

issue.

Wednesday reported progress towards a treaty removing nuclear missiles from Europe but indicated they were still far apart on other major disarmament issues.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told reporters the two powers could with more work conclude an accord on medium-range tocketry - or intermediate nuclear forces (INF) - by the end of this year. And U.S. Secretary of State

George Shultz told a news conference after three days of talks with Mr. Shevardnadze and Kremlin leader Mikbail Gorbachev that the two sides had made "very considerable headway" on INF. But their optimistic assess-

ments were lempered with warnings that serious differences remained on how to tackle the problem of strategic, or longrange, weaponry and U.S. President Ronald Reagan's strategic defence initiative (SD1).

An official Soviet report on Mr. Sbultz' meeting with the ton of pulling back from outline agreements on strategic forces reached at the Gorbachev-Reagan summit in Revkjavik last October.

disarmament.

ign analysts said the outcome of the talks was more positive than had seemed possible when Mr. Shultz left Washington last weekend in the middle of an espionage row between the two

Both sides had accused the other of extensive electronic surveillance of their respective embassies and Mr. Reagan had charged Moscow with overstepping the bounds in allegedly subverting U.S. Marine guards with beautiful female agents.

issue, no agreement on measures to be taken over the affair was reached with the Soviets and the affair was clearly relegated to the background of the talks.

Mr. Shultz' meeting with Mr. Gorbachev on Tuesday was marked by a new packet of offers by the Kremlin chief which he said were aimed at breaking logjams on the INF question, SDI and an underground nuclear test

Since last Friday, when he told a meeting in Prague he was ready to link talks on short-range nuclear weapons in Europe to INF discussions," Mr. Gorbachev and his negotiators have twice improved their proposals in European rocketry.

On Tuesday he told Mr. Sbultz a clause into an INF agreement pledging to dismantle short-range missiles, with a radius of from 500 to 1,000 kilometres, within a specific and short time-frame.

On Wednesday, as reported by Warsaw Pact ailiance.

Wednesday he had expressed Mr. Shultz, Mr. Shevardnadze "strong feelings" on the spying said the period envisaged was only one year. Mr. Gorhachev had also said he was prepared to liquidate all tactical battlefield weapons.

The fast-moving Soviet diplomacy appeared aimed at keeping up the momentum towards and INF treaty following mounting expressions of concern in Western Europe that a mediumrange accord would leave it open to Moscow's tactical missiles.

Mr. Sbultz declined to say how he assessed the Soviet proposals and told the news conference at the Foreign Ministry's press centre they would have to be discussed with Washington's North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies.

The secretary of state flew Moscow would be ready to write from Moscow to Brussels Wednesday night to brief NATO on his talks. In the Soviet capital, First Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh briefed ambassadors of the East bloc's

present a hasis for an accord."

ing diplomatic relations, and a senior Iraqi delegation was ex-INSIDE pected in Tripoli later this month for further talks, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Libya is Iran's ally in the Gulf war against Iraq, and ties between Baghdad and Tripoli were severed in 1985.

Libyan leader Col. Muammar Oadhafi has begun in recent months distancing himself from Iran over Tehran's refusal to discuss peace. He has called for an end to the 61/2-year-old conflict. The Sharjah-based newspaper

Al Khaleej quoted unidentified Arab sources in the Libyan capital as saying that an Iraqi team, led by Fadii Al Barak, the former security chief, visited Libya March 28.

"A lot of progress towards resuming diplomatic relations has been scored," the daily said.

"The main obstacles between Libya and Iraq have been removed," the sources said, adding that "what remains are minor issnes which will he solved shortly."

"Restoration of the relations is now a matter of time," said the

There was no immediate comment from Iraq or Libya on the Normalisation of relations be-

tween Libya and Iraq was the result of Arab and Soviet mediation which involved Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi and Palestinian leaders, the sources said.

Libya and Syria are the only two Arah countries who sided with Iran against Iraq in the war. Iraq has accused Libya of supplying Iran with Soviet-made surface-to-surface missiles used in

attacks on Baghdad. Al Khaleej also quoted uniden-

that a mediation bid by Saudi Arabia has succeeded in drawing up an agreement between Iraq and Syria. Under the agreement, Iraq

tified diplomatic sources as saying

would resume pumping its crude oil through Syrian territory to the Mediterranean port of Banias. The agreement was the out-

come of an Iraqi-Syrian meeting beld in Riyadh recently, the sources said. It did not elaborate. There was no confirmation from the Saudi capital on the Syria blocked the pipeline in

April 1982 as part of its support

for Iran in the war, cutting Iraq's

only oil export outlets at a time

when its Gulf oil ports were closed by the fighting. The Iraqis have since developed oil export outlets tbrough Turkey and Saudi

strategy and moves.

And although Mr. Shultz 100k an invitation to Mr. Gorbachev from Mr. Reagan 10 visit the U.S. for their third summit, the Soviet leader tied acceptance to completion of an INF accord and agreement on other "key principles" of

However, Moscow-based fore-

Although Mr. Shultz said

Swiss move to help U.S. in arms-for-Iran probe

ZURICH (R) — Switzerland has rejected an appeal from five individuals and two firms seeking to prevent U.S. access to bank accounts linked to the arms-for-Iran scandal, the Justice Ministry said

Spokesman Joerg Kistler told Reuters from Berne that the federal police office had turned down the appeal to bar U.S. authorities from gaining information about the accounts.

The United States has asked for details of bank accounts in Switzerland held by about 20 Swiss, U.S., Iranian and Saudi Arabian individuals and firms.

The U.S. request was part of investigations into the alleged diversion of the proceeds of Iranian arms sales to anti-government Nicaraguan "contra" rebels via Swiss banks.

Kistler declined to name the seven individuals and firms, but he said former U.S. National Security Council aide Col. Oliver North was not among them.

The seven have until around mid-May to try one last appeal to Switzerland's highest court, the federal court in Lausanne. If their appeal there is rejected, the information will be released to the United States.

U.S. authorities asked Switzerland in mid-December to freeze accounts at the Geneva hranch of Credit Suisse belonging to Col. North, Maj.-Gen. Richard

LONDON (Agencies) - Lihya

has accused the United States of

confinued aggression on the first

anniversary of U.S. air raids on

by the British Broadcasting Cor-

poration (BBC), broadcast an

account of a mass meeting lasting

nearly four hours Tuesday night

in the bombed former residence

of Libyan leader Muammar

A Foreign Ministry statement

issued on Libyan radio said the

main purpose of the U.S. attack

had been to assassinate Col.

Qadhafi. It described the raid as

an act of official state terrorism

and accused the United States of

continuing its aggression

Wednesday.

Libyan television, monitored

Tripoli and Benghazi,

Secord, a retired air force officer, and Albert Hakim, an Iranian-

born U.S. businessman. The freeze was part of a bid for Swiss legal assistance, which, if granted, would allow the lifting of Switzerland's tough banking

U.S. authorities extended their request in three subsequent stages in December and January. In some cases they merely asked for information and did not demand a freezing of accounts.

Swiss officials have not released a definitive list of the some 20 parties mentioned in the U.S.

However, Kistler confirmed that the companies included Geneva-hased Compagnie De Service Fiduciares, believed to have acted as an agent in the arms sales, and another firm based in Florida which is helieved to have

relayed funds to the contras. Saudi Arabian arms delaer Adnan Kashoggi was also among those named in the U.S. request.

a legal source said. Meanwhile the U.S. Senate urged a sceptical judge Tuesday to order Gen. Second to release foreign hank records believed

Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean

and from bases in Britain bombed

the Lihyan cities of Tripoli and

Benghazi on April 15 last year,

poli harracks was hit. His 16-

reported killed and two sons were

Washington said the attacks

were in retaliation for alleged

Lihyan complicity in the bombing

of a West Berlin discotheque.

Libya has denied involvement in

The Libyan statement said:

"Despite its political and military

defeat at the hands of the Libyan

people ... the United States is

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Col. Qadhafi's home in a Tri-

month-old adopted daughter was people.

Libya marks anniversary of U.S. raids

linked to the Iran-contra arms

North

got FBI

probe

report on

contra-aid

WASHINGTON (AP) -

National Security Council (NSC)

aide Oliver North received an

FBI investigative report last year

on a criminal probe of alleged

gunrunning to the Nicaraguan

contras, a Justice Department

The document was written by

an Federal Bureau of Investiga-

(ion (FBI) agent working in

Miami, said federal law enforce-

ment sources, speaking on condi-

tion they not be identified. It

allowed Col. North to keep tabs

on an investigation that potential-

ly could have revealed his own

possible role in assistance to the

contras during a two-year con-gressional ban on U.S. military

The sources said the document

was found in Col. North's files at

the NSC after the Iran-contra

affair was uncovered last Novem-

ber, but spokesmen for the FBI

and Justice Department declined

The sources said the document

appears to have been supplied to Col. North through the FBI field

aid to the guerrilla force.

to confirm that.

office in Miami.

spokesman said Tuesday.

reportedly

U.S. district judge Aubrey Robinson Jr. said he would rule in the case, but he called the order the Senate was seeking "a charade," said the Swiss might reject it and suggested whatever decision he makes will surely be appealed.

Senate Attorney Michael Davidson said the Tower Commission had identified Gen. Secord's "prominence in global arrangements with respect to shipment of arms to Iran."

The commission's report also said Gen. Secord was involved in a network supporting the Nicaraguan rebels known as contras. It said contributions appear to have been routed to the contras through a series of private organisations, some of them linked to Secord-controlled hank accounts by a chart found in the safe of

The Senate Iran-contra Committee wants the records to learn about the flow of money through the Swiss bank accounts, Mr. Davidson said

The Senate voted last month to seek a contempt of court citation that would threaten Gen. Secord with imprisonment if he did not sign documents giving investigators access to bank records in Switzerland, the Cayman Islands

"What is now taking place in

Chad and along our southern

border is but an extension and

continuation of the flagrant

aggression against the Libyan

Chadian forces have recently

French Cooperation Minister

driven Libyan troops backing re-

bels fighting the N'Djamena gov-

ernment from northern Chad.

Michel Aurillac said on Monday

the Chadian army was making

constant incursions into the

Aouzou Strip, a disputed area

believed rich in minerals on the

Chad-Libya border. Libya has

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* Art exhibition by Jordanian artist Carol Younsi, at Alia Art Gallery runs

Au art exhibition by Mohammad Qaitouqah, at the Spanish Cultural Centre, Amman (until April 18).

* An art exhibition by Dutch artist Huge de Reede at the Petra Art Gallery.

Ceramies exhibition by Jim Mason at the British Council (until April 16).

An art exhibition entitled Byzantines

and Omayyads during the early begin-ning of Islam: Khirbet Es Sazzra and El Fedein at the French Cultural Centre

CONCERTS

* Two concerts by the Boogie Jam's at 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Thursday at the New York, New York Restaurant

FEATURE FILM

* "A Star is Born" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre.

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people ... the United States is said sovereignty over the strip is continuing its aggression by using not negotiable.

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"It is my understanding that an FBI memo was routed to Col. North at some point earlier last year," said Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten. American planes from the U.S. all military, political, media and

WHAT'S GOING ON

Mr. Korten added that Col. North "did not obtain it from either the main Justice Department or the FBI in Washington and would not normally have been given such material."

The fact that the FBI document was sent to Col. North was confirmed after Newsweek magazine reported that Col. North was routinely sent copies of FBI files about the contra network.

The gunrunning probe continues to be conducted by the office of U.S. attorney Leon Kellner in Miami, with FB1 agents there assisting. News reports have said Attor-

a.m. - I p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday. Falking Muneum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics

from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Am-man, Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

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quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal's (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official bolidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

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ney General Edwin Meese slowed down the pace of the politically sensitive gunrunning investigation. Sabah said recently.



Soviet aide seeks to boost Moscow's image in Gulf

KUWAIT (R) - Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky arrives in Kuwait Thursday on a Gulf tour expected to boost Moscow's growing profile in the area amid Arah disen-

chantment with Washington. It comes amid signs the Gulf emirate favours a bigger superpower role in regional security, as fears persist of a spillover of the 61/2-year-nld Iran-Iraq war.

Until recently, Kuwait and other members of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - insisted the region would ensure its own security and stability.

Fearful of creating openings for foreign intervention, they repeatedly argued in favour of limit-

ing superpower roles.

Diplomats say, however, three has been a clear shift in recent months after Tehran singled out ships trading with Kuwait for attack in the Gulf in retaliation for befty Kuwaiti financial and logistical support for Iraq in the

Kuwait, believed reflect the views of the GCC, he declared security of the waterway, through which a tenth of the world's oil flows, an international responsi-

"As such, we do not denounce the concern the big powers have demonstrated over what is happening in the Gulf waters and the efforts of these powers to ensure free navigation," Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al

After what diplomats said were months of talks with Moscow and Washington, Kuwait has agreed to charter three tankers from the Soviet Union in a move to protect its oil shipments.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Moscow Tuesday the tankers would enjoy naval protection if needed.

Washington offered a naval escort for Kuwaiti vessels but U.S. officials said this had been turned down, at least for the time

Diplomats said talks with the superpowers also covered the possibility of registering Kuwaiti vessels under U.S. and Soviet flags to make them formidable diplomatic targets in any attack. But this invites legal problems.

"It seems they (Kuwait) are very eager to involve both the United States and the Soviet Union as much as possible," a senior Western diplomat said.

"If you go back not too long ago, the GCC's objective was that the security of the Gulf was a concern for the regional powers. But there is definitely a new attitude," he remarked. Mr. Petrovsky, in the Soviet

quest to widen ties in the Gulf, is expected to profit from Arah disillusionment over American arms sales to non-Arah Iran, Western and Arab diplomats

Knwait opened diplomatic relations with Moscow in 1963, and for 22 years the only Gulf Arab state with Soviet ties. In 1985, the Kremlin formalised ties with Oman and the UAE.

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Carter: Time is ripe for Mideast peace bid

U.S. President Jimmy Carter has said there was an overwhelming consensus among Arab nations that the time was ripe for an international conference to bring peace to the Middle East.

He said Syria's conversion to the idea "was quite a new and exciting development to me" and called on the Reagan administration to take advantage of the

"I think it would be a very popular political move for the Reagan administration to take in its last 20 months as the champion or proponent of peace in the Middle East," he said in an interview with Cable News Network

"There is an all-encompassing consensus among Syria, Jordan and Egypt," for a new bid for peace, Mr. Carter said.

"My thought is that our nation would find this the appropriate

WASHINGTON (R) - Former time to press for Middle East peace under the umbrella of an

international peace conference." he added. "Many people in the Middle East are waiting for the United

States to say it is time to move." Mr. Carter said top officials like Secretary of State George Shultz whom he met after returning from a tour of the region earlier this month that included 10 hours of talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, had expressed "tremendous interest" in his views.

"But I didn't ask for or receive any specific commitment. That's a decision for President Reagan," he added.

The Reagan administration has been cautious on the idea of a conference, being promoted by Jordan, under the auspices of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

Americans doubt Reagan on Iran scandal — poll

WASHINGTON (R) - Less than a third of Americans believe President Reagan told the truth about the Iran-contra scandal, a New ABC News-Washington Post poll has said.

The poll also showed a majority of Americans - hy a 60-to-34 per cent margin - believe the country is not generally moving in the right direction.

The survey was conducted among 1.509 adult Americans selected nationwide and interviewed on April 9-13. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points.

Forty-eight per cent gave Mr. Reagan a positive job approval rating, down two points from the 50 per cent he got three weeks ago after he gave a nationally televised news conference dominated by questions about the scandal.

Mr. Reagan's job rating remained in the 45-50 per cent range, where it fell when the scandal erupted in November 1986 over revelations that the United States secretly sold arms to Iran and that some of the sales profits were diverted to Nicaraguan rebels, known as contras, fighting the Managua govern-

The poll showed 65 per cent of those surveyed doubted Mr. Reagan told the truth about the

Iran urges U.N. action against U.S. 'provocations'

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UNITED NATIONS (R) - Iran taining freedom of navigation. has urged the U.N. secretary general to deal with what it called provocative actions" by the Un-

ited States in the Gulf region. In a letter to the U.N. chief, Iranian representative Said Rajaie Khorassani said the United States had heightened tension in the area by increasing its military presence under the guise of main-

He said Iran, which believed the U.S. military presence was aimed at supporting Iraq, would not be intimidated by such man-

Iran, he added, would support any measure aimed at strengthening freedom of navigation in the Gulf and the peace and security of the region as a whole,

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DEPARTURES ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation opens regional office

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber Wednesday opened a regional office for the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation (AARRO) in Amman.

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In a speech on the occasion. the minister said that developing rural regions remains one of the basic elements for building comprehensive development in any country and therefore any cooperation among countries at the regional and international levels is bound to achieve the aspirations of peoples around the

An agreement between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the AARRO Secretary General Jinjo Pandhi was signed here in September to open a regional office for the AARRO in Amman. The office is one of four

regional offices the AARRO de-cided to set up in Asia and Africa during its last conference held in Seoul, South Korea, last April.

In his address, the minister said that Jordan has been fully cooperative with United Nations organisations and responded favourably to AARRO's request to open the regional office in Amman. Jordan is now making preparations for hosting the organisation's 9th meeting in Amman on April 21, the minister con-

This conference will focus attention on issues related to the development of rural regions in Asia and Africa, the minister explained in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Wide range of programmes Mr. Jaber added that the re-

gional office will handle activities in rural regions of the Middle East and help national governments deal with the problems of hunger, thirst, poverty and dis ease. The organisation will also help with eradicating illiteracy in addition to exchanging information and expertise in rural development affairs, be continued.

The opening ceremony was attended by heads of diplomatic missions of countries participat-ing in the organisation's activities and several senior Jordanian

The AARRO, which was founded after the Second World War, is aimed at developing understanding and cooperation among member nations, especially in rural regions, and belping member states to acquire financial assistance for rural development programmes.

Newly established centre holds seminar on hearing and speech disorders

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A one-day seminar on "Phoniatrics and Logopedics" was held Wednesday at the University of Jordan to shed new light on issues related to the field of bearing and speech disorders. A Swiss team was invited by the phonetics research centre to participate in discussions on prob-

lems which arise in this field. In an opening speech, Dr. Yousef Al Halees, head of the centre at the University of Jordan, said the centre was established a year ago with the aims of conducting research on Arabic phonetics and applying the results of the research in a practical way.

"The centre is still in its formulative stage, bowever, it pleases me to say that there are a number of graduate students carrying out scientific research on speech defects," said Dr. Halees, who is also a professor of English language and phonetics. He added that the door of the centre is open for all who want to conduct research.

Cooperation

Dr. Halees went oo to say that the centre is determined to continue its cooperation with visiting medical teams and any other Arab or international medical institution which extends a helping

Times that the centre presently collaborates with phonetic centres at London University, McGill University in Canada, the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden, and the speech disorder unit in Ain Shampes University in

All institutes in the Kingdom which cater for the deaf and mutes such as the Queen Alia Institute for the Deaf and the King Hussein Medical Centre among others, benefit from the centre, he said. A two-month course for instructors on teaching Arabic phonetics at various institutions has recently begun, Dr.

Halees continued. In addition, many of the instructors attended the seminar which tackled topics such as: voice disorders and treatment; modern techniques in speech analysis; hearing screening and testing: pendred and mobious syndromes in Jordan; speech de-lay and hearing; teaching the deaf; an informative and psycho-linguistic approach to facilitate communication for those with se-

vere speech handicaps.

Most of the topics will be presented by members of the Swiss medical team invited by the cen-tre. The team is headed by Dr. A. Muller, the president of the International Association of Phonetics and Logopedics. Dr. N. Kotby from the speech disorder unit in Cairo will also deliver a lecture.

Survey on schoolchildren

The team, in cooperation with the centre and the Ministry of Education, has begun a survey on speech and hearing defects among Jordanian schoolchildren... Students suffering from hearing and speech impediments throughout the Kingdom were asked by the Ministry of Education to fill out forms and to gather on a specific date to be seen the newly-

Centre, and on Tuesday school-children in Irbid were seen. Schools in Karak, Aqaba, the Jordan Valley and Amman will be visited over the weekend and on Saturday, Sunday and

According to Dr. Halees "no exact number of children and adults afflicted with these disorders has been recorded. However, if we take Irbid as an example, there is a very large number." He explained that they expected only 20 students to appear, "but, close to 700 were waiting for us." Dr. Halees noted that pre-seboolehildren and adults were not included in this "We have a big problem which needs a national campaign to draw peoples' attention to it,"

Participants in this seminar hope that it will create some awareness about the problem in addition to benefitting from specialists research. A masters student working at the centre, Thiab Ajlouni, said that the disorders arise from accidents, diseases, congential reasons and environment. Elaborating on the last cause, Mr. Ajlouni said: "Many times during a child's development parents, who are often uneducated, do not encourage a child to express his thoughts, and speech depends on thought." He added that many parents do not realise that their child has an ediment nor that somethi can be done about it and therefore, with time, the disorder be-

comes progressively worse.
Dr. Mahmond Al Samra, vice formed team.

On Monday the team visited the Queen Alia Centre for the Deaf and the King Hussein Medical president of the University of Jordan, and Dr. Muller also delivered short speeches at the opening of the seminar.

No plans to include private sector in ministry's health insurance scheme —Hamzeh

By Abdullah Nsour Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- The Health Ministry has not made any plans to include private sector employees in its health insurance scheme, and does not contemplate deducting any fees from these employees' salaries in return for health services, Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh said Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference, the minister said that neither the Health Ministry nor the Higher Health Council can serve as a substitute for the work of private companies with regard to health insurance matters but added that they both try to belp provide health services for workers in these companies and organisa-

A number of organisations have expressed some reservations about the ministry's health insurance scheme to cover employees in the private sector after initially reading the financial terms of the scheme, he continued, pointing out that these terms later proved to be inaccurate. Inaccuracies on the occurring in a study for the inclu-

sion of non-government em ployees in the scheme are being removed, the minister said.

Dr. Hamzeh said that the Ministry of Health will shortly set up a board of directors for the health insurance fund and that this board would comprise representatives of the private sector, the Federation of Jordaniao Labour Unions, the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, industrial concerns and businesses as well as the Health Ministry and medical associa-

The ministry aims to apply a unified insurance system for all sectors with the hope of ensuring comprehensive health insurance for all members of the public taking into consideration the existing health insurance scheme for civil servants and the armed forces, Dr. Hamzeb added.

The minister announced that an enlarged meeting will be held towards the end of April to discuss this subject and be stressed that no decision would be taken on the issue unless all parties

Muasher assures private sector of continuing support

ZARQA (Petra) — Minister of from Jordanian expatriates. Industry and Trade Rajai

Muasher Wednesday said that the several measures for dealing commercial sector in Jordan constitutes one of the pillars of the national economy and in view of its importance the government will continue to support this sector to enable it to shoulder its tasks and responsibilities.

Addressing a meeting attended by heads of Jordanian chambers of commerce and the executive committee of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC), Dr Mnasher said that his ministry will study any project submitted by the commercial sector which aims at serving the public interest.

Dr. Mussher referred to the economic situation in Jordan and said that the national economy is now facing two major problems which he listed as unemployment in view of the increasing number of graduates who find no jobs and a drop in financial assistance from Arab states. He also said that the situation had been aggravated by

The government bas adopted

several measures for dealing with the present economic situation one of which is increasing customs duty on imported goods for the sake of supporting local production and also saving foreign currency, the minister said. He said that these measures

have resulted in boosting the role of the private sector and national exports.

Dr. Muasher called on the chambers of commerce to coordinate their work with one another, especially with those in charge of industry, and he nrged them to form FJCC committees and work closely with the government on all matters related to industry and

At the outset of the meeting, Mr. Hamdi Al Tabhaa, the FJCC's president, said that the private sector realises the economic circumstances through which Jordan is passing following the periods of recession, and economic boom and the private sector a decrease in Jordanian exports appreciates the government's meand a drop in money transfers asures to handle the situation.

Haj Hassan chairs Arab social affairs talks in Tunis

TUNIS (Petra) — Meetings of ort a Jordanian project for the de-the executive burean of the velopment of traditional indus-Council of Arab Social Development Ministers began in Tunis on Wednesday under the chair-marship of Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan and with the participation of delegates from seven Arab states.

In his speech at the opening of the meeting, Mr. Haj Hassan expressed his hope that the meeting would give momentum to joint Arab action and he reiterated Jordan's keenness on developing joint Arab action to achieve the interests of all Arab

The minister told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, correspondent in Tunis that the executive bureau reviewed the topics on its agenda and approved the allocation of \$600,000 as financial support to 11 social development projects submitted by 11 Arab countries.

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tries and handicrafts since this scheme is aimed at securing a source of individual and national income, Mr. Haj Hassan continued. He added that the bureau also appreciated the recent establishment of the Arab Council for Child Development and recom-mended that the Council of Arab Social Development Ministers support this new establishment which will provide its services and care to about 40 per cent of the children in the Arah World.

Discussing the Jordanian pro-ject to develop traditional handicrafts, Mr. Haj Hassan pointed out that his ministry has taken a number of measures to implement this project and has alto-cated a building in Amman to house the programme and to serve as a centre where all traditional industries and handicrafts in the country could be gathered and marketed.

The meeting is being attended by delegates from Jordan, Tunisia, Oman, Iraq, Somalia, North The council also agreed to supp-

Regent receives Syrian minister

Visiting interior minister, Dajani tour PSD and attend graduation ceremony for police officers

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday received at the Royal Court Syrian Interior Minister Mohammad Ghabash who is currently on a visit to Jordan.

During the meeting, they re-viewed the close bilateral relationship with all Arab countries tions and scopes of joint cooperation to achieve the interests of the and always seeks to enhance solitwo peoples. The meeting was darity among Arab states, but the atteoded by Court Minister Adoan Abu Odeb, Interior relations between Jordan and Syria are unique in view of the geographic location and their Minister Rajai Dajani and Syrian Ambassador in Amman Majid Maiali added. Both countries, he

said, have launched close coop-Mr. Ghabash and Mr. Dajani eration in numerous fields, inearlier visited the Public Security Department (PSD) where they chiding police work and security, and this is a source of pride for met with its Director Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali. Lt.-Gen. Majali reviewed the work of the PSD and plans for the police training school and its promoting the work of the police force in the Kingdom. staff for their efforts in turning

The PSD plans to ensure comprebensive security which requires setting up new security centres to carry out better services to the citizens, Lt.-Gen. Majali added.

Mr. Ghabash and Mr. Dajani later heard a briefing on the development of the PSD's various sections, toured departments and inspected their opera-

After the briefing, both ministers were accompanied to the Al Mnhajircen security centre in Amman where they inspected its facilities and looked into its ser-

The two ministers also attended a ceremony for the graduation of two police groups at the Zarqa police training school. At the ceremony, Lt.-Gen. Majali made an address in which he paid tribute to Syria which be described as Jordan's strategic depth and a country whose people are brothers to the Jordanian

out well-trained and qualified men to safeguard the Kingdom's security and he urged the newgraduates to put into practice the skills they acquired during their training course. At the outset of the ceremony, Jordan has a deep-rooted rela-

Brig. Nimer Humud, the school's director, made a speech outlining the training programmes and said that the 148 graduates have been lectured on police work and trained in the use of different types of light weapons.

The graduates paraded before the audience and then received their diplomas and awards from the PSD director.

Later on Wednesday Mr. Rifai received Syrian Interior Minister Mohammad Ghabash, The meeting was attended by Interior Minister Rajai Dajani and Syrian

Fayez, Zinchuk discuss IPU conference agenda

AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of the conference, foremost of the Lower House of Parliament which are the international peace Akef Al Favez Wednesday received Soviet Amhassador in Amman Alexander Zinchuk. Mr. Fayez, who is also the president of the Arab Parliamentary Union (APU), discussed with the Soviet ambassador the topics on the agenda of the International Parhamentary Union's (IPU) 77th conference which will be held in Nicaragua later this month. .

close family and social ties, Lt.

Lt.-Gen. Majali paid tribute to

They also discussed coordination between the stands of Arab parliamentary delegations and those of the Soviet Union on major political topics of common concern to be discussed during

and security and the situation in the Middle East.

Mr. Zinchuk conveyed to Mr. Favez the thanks and gratitude of Supreme Soviet delegation which recently visited Jordan for the care and interest accorded to them during their visit. Such visits, Mr. Zinchuk added, help boost existing relations between Jordanian and Soviet parliamentarians to achieve the interests of the peoples of the two countries and are also bound to contribute towards achieving a just and durable peace in the

6th Jordanian conference on dentistry opens today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The sixth Jordanian dental conference opens in Amman today under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Re-

The conference's president, Dr. Walid Maraqa, said that the two-day meeting will discuss 48 working papers in which 59 researchers have participated. The papers from 12 Arab and foreign countries deal with modern trends in dental surgery and re-lated topics, said Dr. Maraqa, who is also president of the Jor-dan Dentists' Association which organised the conference.

At least 300 dentists from Arab and foreign countries will take part in the conference, to be held at the Royal Cultural Centre in

The conference will include specialised scientific lectures in addition to an exhibition of dental appliances and medicines, organised by local companies and to be held at the Royal Cultural Centre. Seminars on dental diseases and treatment will also be beld during the conference and a paper on Jordan's experience in the treatment of dental diseases among school students, will be



Delegates launch new programme, rates for Budget BUDGET RENT-A-CAR International held its regional

meeting for 1987 in Amman at the Plaza Hotel last week. The delegates from 11 countries discussed the new rates policy for this summer, competition from other companies. and coordination with airline companies on the Air Plus Charge Card — a credit system for use all over the world. The delegates produced a new programme of super leisure rates for Europe and Africa at \$30 per day for the new Charade-Daihatsu. The meeting was held under the new slogan:

"Big Thrills .. Small Bills"

The next international and regional meeting will take place in Paris-France, at the end of next September.



Guest lecturers present in-depth papers to Third pan-Arab Congress on Psychiatry

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — The Third Pan-Arab Congress on Psychiatry continued its discussions on Wednesday and reviewed several working papers tackling the use of drugs in the treatment of mental diseases, factors affecting amnesia following head injuries

The participants, representing 18 different countries, also discussed research work on AIDS and latest developments in the diagnosis and psychological treatment of persons suffering from the killer disease and the relationship between psychiatry and

Highlights of the plenary ses-sion on Tuesday included a long overdue expose by Dr. Ali Kamal from Iraq on the Arab contribution to psychological medicine. The west bas methodically ignored the influence of the Arabs on psychology and psychiatry over the years, said Dr. Kamal. Yet, the Arabs were pioneers in psycho-therapy and psychoanalysis. They were known to have used ab-reative therapy, cognitive and supportive therapy and also discovered and coined self-analysis, free association, interpretation of dreams and classification, he pointed out. They also built the first psychiatric hospitals in Aleppo and Baghdad as early as 707 A.D.

Dr. Mohammad Said Kamal. followed with a paper on "Psychiatry in Jordan Past, Present and Future."

"In any discussion about psychiatric services in Jordan during the last 50 years, one is confronted with unusual political and sociological conditions. Those mostly relate to the. Palestinian problem, namely the pre-1948 Palestine, the evolution of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the eventual occupation of the whole of Palestine by the Israelis in 1967," the paper

said, adding that this would account for the unusual ups and downs in the development of mental health services in Jordan.

In his paper, Dr. Kamal stated: Over the years, in Jordan and in other developing countries, psychiatry has been suffering. It does not have the glamour of other specialities and it has been involved with insanity, traditionally rather hopeless, stigmatised and hidden, and associated

He also said that the early treatment, prevention of chronicity, preventive measures and community centres with a strennous rehabilitation direction could liberate the psychologically affected from becoming a perma-

other services.

with superstitions. nent liability to society.

Dr. Kamal, who is director of the government mental hospital in Bethlehem, put forward some suggestions to the congress inworkers, and nurses.

cluding a recommendation that mental health be dealt with as an integral part of the health delivery system of the country and not an isolated system and that it has: its fair share of the budget and planning in conjunction with

Dr. Kamal suggested that psychiatric in-patient and out-patient services should gradually be expanded to be part of the gener-al hospital and primary care services in the country with hospital units only needed in central, regional hospitals for short period hospitalisation, crisis intervention and some emergencies. He said that the out patient services should fit smoothly within the framework of the other primary care services and should be staffed by specialists or trained physicians supported by a team of social workers, community health

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Adding fuel to fire

THE U.S. has put on alert a large flotilla of warships in the immediate vicinity of the Strait of Hormuz in order to deter Iran from usin Silkworm anti-ship missiles stationed near the mouth of the Gulf against international shipping. At the same time, a well-orchestrated U.S. propaganda is in place, aimed at inducing the Gulf littoral states and the sbipping companies to seek protection for their cargo ships by accepting to have them planted with U.S. flags while plying to and fro in the Gulf or have them escorted by U.S. warships.

The U.S. military posture around the Gulf immediately evokes a

number of questions. In what way does this military venture intend to influence the course of the ongoing war in the direction of resolving it? What happens if Iran were to actually use the Silkworm missiles against international shipping? Will the U.S. retaliate by totally destroying all such missiles deployed by Iran along the periphery of the Strait of Hormuz? Or is the military posturing merely a ploy, designed to escalate the war with the ultimate aim of bringing the domestic and foreign policies of the Gulf states directly under U.S. influence?

Apart from these imponderables, it is also likely that in this context the U.S. may come up against two other ticklish predicaments. First, in the past, Iraq's military operations have incapacitated more tankers in the Gulf than Iran has done. In the future too, the possibility of more Iran-bound tankers coming under fire from Iraqi Exocet missiles cannot be ruled out. And French Exocets are reputed to be deadlier than the Chinese Silkworm missiles. What, if by a quirk of events, Iran were to ask the U.S. for protection of its tankers from Exocets? How would, in that event, the U.S. try to reconcile the. contradiction inherent in having to protect the interests of opposing antagonists? Second, Iran's U.N. representative last week said in no uncertain terms that if Iran were to search a vessel in the Gulf, definitely it would continue with that whether it carries an American flag or any other flag. Further, he warned that the Americans should be more preoccupied with protecting themselves than protecting others. This is a very serious challenge for the U.S. to ponder before it embarks on any premeditated adventure. Muscle-flexing may not help in dissipating the Iranian resolve to resist what they consider to be

The U.S. has all through maintained a negative approach in the Gulf war, indicating a preference to see neither side emerge as a winner or a loser. This appeared firstly to have acted as a causal factor, allowing the Iranian regime to insist on certain quixotic demands as conditions for agreeing to a negotiated settlement; and secondly, it helped prolong the war, providing ample opportunities for the arms industries in the U.S. to make immense profits by way of selling arms to Iran. The current flurry and potential U.S. mili involvement in the Gulf, to protect international shipping, is a corrollary to that negative approach to the Gulf war. It seems simply an improvisation on behalf of the oil barons of the West who are losing huge profits as a result of the tanker war rather than an exercise e interest in b military improvisations are strategically weak and would only help in adding fuel to the fire. But again when has the world ever seen the U.S. really engaged in extinguishing a battle-fire, started by intent or accident in the developing world?

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: American commitment

WHILE the Israeli soldiers are busily killing Arab people in the occupied Arab regions and the Israeli authorities continuing repressive measures against the innocent civilians under their rule. U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz was holding a banquet in Moscow and telling the Soviet Jews to do all they can to emigrate to Israel. Shultz said that the United States was not forgetting them and that they will be helped to fulfil their dreams in emigrating to Israel. Thus the U.S. secretary of state put the Palestinian people behind his back and is now concerned about the emigration of Soviet Jews to the occupied Palestine to take the place of the indigenous Arab population. Shultz claims he is concerned about the rights of the Jews in the Soviet Union and he is doing all he can to deprive the Palestinians from their basic rights and helping Jews to take their place, their bomes and land. Shuitz promised the Soviet Jews prayers for their salvation and for God to enable them to evict the Palestinian people from their land and take their home from them. We never heard about any one praying that the murderer be helped to kill or commit crimes and steal. Shultz does not pray for the Palestinian people to regain rights in their homeland nor does be shows any concern about Israeli atrocities against the people of the occupied Arab land and about the destruction the Zionists are causing and the crimes they are committing.

Al Dustour: EC takes another step

BELGIAN Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans has started a visit to Jordan and we consider such visit as a constructive step in the right direction. He represents the European Economic Community in talks with governments of the Middle East region and is carrying out a new effort to help re-establish peace. His visit comes in the wake of a declaration issued by the European Community in Brussels, endorsing the idea of an international peace conference to be beld under the auspices of the United Nations. It also follows close on the heels of a tour made hy King Hussein to European capitals and a visit to Washington by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. The visits and the tours were all aimed at gathering momentum for convening an international peace conference and implementing U.N. resolutions. Tindemans' tour will no doubt enable him to have a close-hand study of the situation and urge him and the European Community to speed up action for bolding the proposed conference.

Sawt Al Shaab: Crying for help

FOR three successive days and nights the Israeli soldiers carried out atrocities against the Arah population in the occupied Arab West Bank. Their actions were of course in support of Zionist settlers who went on the rampage in Qalqilya to avenge themselves on the Arabs for the killing of a woman a day earlier. The present siege, imposed on Arab towns and villages and the continued acts of barbarism and repression being committed against the Arab population, have prompted the Arabs to enhance their resistance and struggle. But the suffering of the Arab people under Israeli rule prompts us to think out ways for extending assistance to them and also bolsters our determination to seek an international conference for the sake of rescuing our Arah kinsmen and ending the Israeli occupation. For three days and nights the Arah people in the occupied territories have been resisting enemy repression and atrocities and have been crying out for freedom. They have offered sacrifice and suffered numerous tragedies for the sake of maintaining their bold on their

Deportation of Palestinians under subversion act is challenged

The following report by Nicholas C. McBride, under the same headline, appeared in the Christian Science Monitor of April 9.

WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) last week filed a lawsuit in the federal district court in Los Angeles challenging the use of a McCarthy-era law to deport seven Palestinians accused of being associated with a subversive organisa-

The lawsuit relates to the Jan. 26 arrest of seven Palestinians in Los Angeles by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Immigration and Naturalisation Service, (INS), and the Los Angeles police department. The Palestinians were accused of distributing literature of an organisation that "advocates world communism," in violation of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act. On Feb. 17 immigration-law Judge Roy J. Daniels ordered them released from INS custody until their deportation hearing on April

In its suit, in which Arab-American and other civil liberties groups have joined, the ACLU asserts that the Palestinians are being persecuted for activities protected by the First Amendment.

ACLU attorney Hope Nakamura says supreme court rulings since the 1980s have distinguished between "advocacy of belief and advocacy of action." She says the act bas rarely been used and the "current whipped-up frenzy against Arabs and Palestinians," aggravated by violence in the Middle East, has set the scene for constitutional violations in the name of national security.

Rep. Barney Frank (D) of Massachusetts in February introduced a bill that would, among other things, repeal the "ideological exclusions" provisions of the McCarran-Water Act, including those the Palestinians are accused of hreaking. The bill would not affect the provisions that allow the U.S. to exclude terrorists. In briefs filed in court, the Justice Department charges the Palestinians with being involved in activities on behalf of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), purportedly

a Marxist-Leninist organisation advocating violent overthrow of the United States and other governments.

"The PFLP operates both overt and convert missions in the United States to carry out its goals," the brief says. "The PFLP's purposes are accomplished through the use of illegal and violent means, bombings, shootings and hijackings. These purposes are also accomplished by the PFLP's publishing and distributing

literature promoting communism." The defendants deny being affiliated with the group. INS spokesman Duke Austin says, "we don't have to wait until somebody blows up a bus or a plane before we deport them. We're not suggesting they be put in jail — we're suggesting they go home." He says INS has evidence that the Palestinians' departure

would be in the "best interests of the U.S." FBI spokeswoman Susan Shnitzer says the bureau conducted an investigation of the defendants but found "no evidence of federal violations we had jurisdiction over."

As a result, she says, the FBI turned over information "we thought would be helpful to INS." She says the information will not be made public until the April 28 hearing.

an extension of a government contingency plan prepared in May 1986 and discussed at an interagency meeting in September. The plan reportedly calls for use of the McCarran-Walter Act to expel foreign nationals, explicitly says to "routinely hold any alien

so charged without bond," and designates representatives from

INS, FBI, the U.S. Customs Service., and the Central Intelligence

ACLU attorneys say the proceedings against the Palestinians are

Agency, who are responsible for executing the plan. The plan also speaks of a "target group" of 10,000 aliens and specifically gives numbers of people from Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Iran, Jordan, Syria, Morocco, and Lebanon who have overstayed visas.

That never was endorsed, that was a talking paper, an option," says INS spokesman Austin of the plan. "We categorically deary any such plan to round up (Arab aliens). These are things suggested to talk about at irregular meetings of an ad hoc committee."

Ethnic origin has never been an issue. These individuals will have their day in court," says Oliver (Buck) Revell, the FBI's executive assistant director for investigations. He asserts that the Justice Department, INS, and FBI have no interest "whatsoever in denying any individuals their constitutionally protected rights to engage in political dissent."

He adds, "we will, however, investigate when we have a basis to do so. And that, we have done, with the Jewish groups, Irish groups, Armenian groups, and we will do it with Arab and Palestinian groups where we have a basis to do so, but it will be done within the law."

Dan Stormer, the chief counsel defending the Palestinians, says, 'It is not insignificant that on Jan. 24 more hostages were taken in the Middle East. Merely two days later my clients were arrested

and taken to jail. This is Arab-bashing, this is prejudice."
Paul Hoffman, another lawyer for the defendants, says "the Palestinian community in this country is in constant debate over what's going on in the Middle East. The (Palestine Liberation Organisation) and groups left of centre are ultimately involved in that debate. When you say you can't sympathise with that speech or get deported, that's a serious problem."

Mr. Hoffman adds that the case has had a "chilling effect" on political debate within the Arab-American community.



Young refugees: AOHR sees no just solution for their plight until the Arab World respects its citizens rights

Arabs who look after their own

By Nadia Hijab

"WE are not with or against any the Arab citizen," says a member of the executive of the Arab Organisation for Human Rights (AOHR). "Our work is different to that of Amnesty International in that they deal with certain political and civil rights. We try to defend all human rights - civil, economic, religious, social and cultural." The AOHR also watches freedom of expression, movement and association, trades union laws, and women's

The AOHR is really a delayed reaction to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. Then, although there was an international outcry. Arab reaction was muted. Some thinkers have tried to come to terms with the lessons of 1982. Why had the Arah people not responded to the brutal 80-day siege of Beirut as they would have, say, in Nasser's day? Had they been crusbed beyond

humanity? The establishment of such an. organisation indicates a new maturity in the Arab world. Hitherto, Arab governments have staved off demands for democracy on the grounds that the people are not yet "ready" for it; that they are too busy liberating Palestine and cannot

afford dissent; that they are too health, infrastructure; and so on. Intellectuals often acquiesced in these arguments. They agreed that Arabs should not "wash their dirty linen in public," particularly as they were under attack on all sides - from Israel and its supporters, and in the cartoon strips of Western media. Now, while they continue to respond to Israeli aggression and to Western stereotyping, it is significant that some intellectuals have decided to use the public washing of dirty

linen as one of their weapons. There is growing conviction that the Arabs will never have the power to hring about a just solu-tion of the Palestinian question, or achieve any self-reliant economic and political development until human rights are respected. Thus the AOHR will mainly focus on human rights in the Arab world, although the situation of the Palestinians under occupation forms part of its brief.

The intensity of buman rights violations varies. In its recent three-year report on human rights in the Arab world, the AOHR highlights violations in each state, listing all the means that have been used to break the spirit of the Arab citizen.

throw existing regimes: many coups have taken place in the Arab world and new regimes have simply been equally repressive. The aim is rather to make it impossible for governments to ignore the demands by Arab citizens for their rights, which will gradually lead to change in the system.

In the Gulf states, for example, the most common violations include the banning of political and cultural association. In Syria and Iraq, the organisation highlights detentions without trial, and severe measures against political opponents. In Jordan, it pinpoints the absence of academic freedom.

In the Democratic Republic of Yemen, it mentions political executions after the January 1986 power struggle; in the Republic of Yemen, the deteriorating conditions in jails. In Egypt and Sudan, it notes the considerable number of "exceptional" and emergency laws. In North Africa, it highlights inter alia the situa-

So far, over 155 cases of human rights violations from 19 Arab countries bave been brought to the organisation's attention. Be-

tion of the trades unions.

The human rights advocates of its activities in the Arab world had permission to set up its head-apply again, Egyptian, mainly opposition, press), there has been no dramatic increase in the number of

> In each case, the AOHR has contacted the governments concerned. It has had replies from seven governments, though some deny any problem exists. There were a few successes. The

Egyptian government responded to a request to study jail conditions; Jordan freed a detainee; Libya allowed a visit to a detainee; and Sudan met with a delegation to discuss emergency The AOHR was particularly

active in Sudan before the collapse of the Numeiri regime, where it sought to stop the inhumane application of emergency laws. Its stand on human rights in those days earned it the gratitude of the present government, which meant that the organisation was, after all. able to hold its first general assembly in an Arab country.

This assembly had been scheduled for Cairo in November 1986 — indeed, some of the members in the U.S. and Europe had already arrived to attend it. cause there is so little coverage of Although the organisation has

three years, the Egyptian government would not allow the meeting.

The AOHR believes that its

rights report was leaked to Arab governments which in turn put pressure on Cairo to ban the meeting. A case has now been filed by the AOHR against the Egyptian government. Sndan agreed to host the meeting in January 1987. All the Arab ambassadors were invited to attend hut not one came. This pleased the organisers because, they said, "it means we have offended all Arah governments

equally.

So far, the AOHR has branches in only two Arab countries

— Egypt and Sudan. A third is being established in Morocco. There are affiliated groups in Jordan and Tunisia. Branches have also been set up in France, Austria and Britain. There is an associated group in Switzerland. A similar organisation has been established and registered in the U.S., and is closely linked to the AOHR. Last month, the organisation petitioned the U.N. for consultative status and was refused. However, it intends to

The AOHR publishes its own journal in Arabic, now in its twentieth in Arabic, now in its twentieth issue, as well as newsletters (in Arabic and English), and urgent releases when necessary. New offices have been set up in Geneva (address: POB 82,1211 Geneva 28). Thus there will always be somewhere to go if all Arab doors are closed. Funding comes from membership subscriptions and individual con-. tributions; because of the recession in the region, the group only managed to raise \$25,000 last

The AOHR is aware that there is still a long way to go. Arab governments do not yet treat it with the respect they reluctantly give international groups, be-cause, AOHR says, "they totally disregard Arab public opinion." There is also an uphill struggle in the West. One report notes the rise in anti-Arab feeling in Europe. It comments, with some bitterness, that European authorities might not be so indifferent to the rights of Arab migrants, "had it not been for the mounting violation of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Arab world itself" - The Guar-

PLO factions seek compromise formula over Egypt

(Continued from page 1) which have been playing a fundamental role in efforts to bridge the gap between the PFLP and Fatch, were seeking an interfactional agreement regarding the limit of the PLO's relations with

all Arab countries. This agree-

ment, the sources said, will not be publicised. Meanwhile, Fateh was still adhering to its position against equating "hostility and opposition to Camp David and closing all doors with Cairo," according to sources close to Fateh. The sources said the movement was

against severing of relations with

any Arab government, "regard-

less of whether it was fighting the

Palestinians and the PLO." The sources said that Fatch had asked the PFLP and other factions to find a formula which could also define, clearly and candidly, the PLO's position on Syria. At the same time, the sources said, Fateh was also firmly against any resolution that would close the doors against

Damascus.

Mustafa explained that the PFLP attacking and launching scathing was strongly advocating severing contacts with Cairo since "experiences of the last few years indicated that contacts could lead to an "endorsement of the Camp David policies."

Mr. Mustafa, however, criticised his own faction on two major points: First, that it used to believe that Palestinian unity was dependent on a strong strategic alliance with Syria. "Now the PFLP believes that the Palestinian unity is the key to an alliance with Syria," he was quoted as saying.

Second, he criticised his group's previous precondition that it would attend a Palestinian dialogue only if all other factions attended. "That was a wrong assessment," he was quoted as saying. "The dialogue is in itself necessary to bridge the gaps and promote understanding in order to formulate a solid basis for national Palestinian unity," he said.

He also said that both Fatch and his group and other factions During his presentation, Mr. were wrong in going too far in

campaigns against each other. He was clearly referring to bis group's labelling of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat as a traitor and Fatch's charges that anti-Arafat factions were lackeys and tools of Arah governments.

In conclusion, Mr. Mustafa cal-led on all factions to sign "a pledge of honour' so that no future political difference would lead to armed conflicts or estrangements. Algeria has also been very ac-

tive in trying to ensure the success of the Palestinian dialogue. On Wednesday, senior Algerian officials met separately with deputy commander of PLO forces Khalil Al Wazir and with PFLP leader George Habash in a bid to narrow the Fatch-PFLP differences. During Wednesday's meetings, Fateh Central Committee Member Salah Khalaf replied to Mr. Mustafa's address. Mr. Khalaf also reviewed the line pursued by Fatch since 1982. He was said to have conceded that fatch's assessment of political moves and

time." But Mr. Khalaf, who himself was critical within Fateb of Mr. Arafat's policy line throughout the last three years, tried to explain the circumstances and conditions that prompted Fatch to move along the lines it did

since 1982.

But he strongly agreed with Mr. Mustafa on the need for a "pledge of honour" among all factions and also criticised Fateh and the PFLP for the scathing and insulting campaigns which they have been waging against each other.

Meanwhile, reports from Damascus said Syrian President Hafez Al Assad met with Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleh Ibrahimi who delivered to him a message from Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. According to informed Algerian sources here, the message contained an Algerian and Palestinian reiteration that the ongoing dialogue and proposed PNC session were "by no means a challenge or confrontation with any steps "have not been right all the Arab party or side."

Tindemans begins talks

(Continued from page 1) Rifai who earlier returned from

London. Mr. Tindemans was expected to brief Jordanian officials on his efforts within the EC, and compare notes on efforts by His Majesty King Hussein -- current-

ly in London -- vis-a-vis the convening of the conference. In Brussels, Belgian government sources quoted hy Reuter on Tuesday said Mr. Tindemans' talks in Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia would focus on the obstacles to convening a conference as well as details of how it might be organised, its terms of reference

Following a Feb. 23 EC declaration supporting the confer-ence, Mr. Tindemans was quoted as saying he would visit the region "only if be received assurances of serious willingness to negotiate." The U.S. and Israel oppose any role by the Soviet Union or the

PLO in the conference, which they say, should only be a curtain-raiser for holding direct Jordanian officials say that the

proposed conference should be substantive, with the participation of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council which include the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, China and France.

Palestinians continue protests

(Continued from page 1)

and who would take part.

editorial said the detention policy "is driving the situation further and further away from the possibility of peace... we demand the right to freedom of expression." Israel Radio quoted Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin as saying the army had arrested

more than 100 Arabs since an

Israeli woman was burned to death in a firebomb attack on Saturday in the occupied West Bank.

After the woman's killing, settlers set fire to Arab cars and destroyed Arab property. During a meeting on Tuesday with settlers, Mr. Rabin said the

army had deployed more troops to queli anti-Israeli protests.

Do you realise what time it is?

DO you have a friend living in Austria, a son studying in London, a daughter in Paris, a boy-friend in Spain, or a relative in Germany? If so, I pity you. You don't sleep much these days, do you? You

also keep your friends and relatives abroad awake with your late

But if your interlocutor lives in the U.S. or in Japan, he or she is

lucky. From now on you will be the one to have disturbed nights

for a change, and he or she will be getting your calls at hours that

suit him or her perfectly - that is with the time difference.

Anyhow, in both cases whether you call Europe, the States or the

Far-East, you are sleeping less.
You must have guessed. I am talking about the reduced

telephone rates offered by the Telecommunications Corporation

(TCC) for international calls. These rates have been reduced by op

to 50 per cent and apply after midnight. The offer is, of course,

tempting for many subscribers, and people are staying up late in

order to take advantage of the offer. But does it have to be so late?

encouraging Ammanites to use the telephone more, because in the past they often had their children or friends call them from abroad

So the decision of the TCC is basically a good one: We called for

it in the past and we appland it now. However, it still needs some modification. Firstly, we should be able to have special rates on weekends and holidays, as in many other countries. Maybe the hesitation of the TCC lies in the fact that our weekends are

working days in many countries abroad and in that case companies

would be the first to benefit from such an arrangement. But for

aire a proper formula could be devised. Secondly why should the

night rates start at midnight and not at 8 p.m. or even 10 p.m.

which is a fair time as companies are closed at this hour and presumably most calls would be private ones.

where the fees are much more reasonable.

The idea of reduced rates on international calls is aimed at

Randa Habibs

By Rami G. Khouri Special to the Jordan Times

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AMMAN — The thrill of archaeological discovery, the quality of French scholarship and the puzzles of ancient history have all come together in a small but very high quality exhibition of Biblique. artifacts, drawings and photographs from two important antiquities sites being excavated in Jordan by a joint French-Jodaman team

The exhibit, at the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh until April 23, provides an excellent synthesis of the various aspects of archaeological and historical research and discovery, as

these can be shown by the work called Hatita on the Peutinger taking place at the two sites Table, a Roman road map of the taking place at the two sites of Khirbet es-Samra and Fedein. Both sites are being excavated by a team from the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem and the Jordanian Department of Antiquities, under the field direction of Father Jean-Baptiste Humbert of the Ecole

Kbirbet es-Samra, 15 kilometres north-east of Zerqa, was an important stop along the ancient Nabataean-Roman route that linked Petra in south Jordan with Bostra in south Syria. It has been excavated since 1978, andhas produced much material from the Romao, Byzantine aod Umayyad eras.

It is thought to be the site



Drawing of bronze decorative elements on the Umayyad era brazier

ancient world, and photos show the well preserved Roman road that passed 500 metres east of the site. There are large drawings of several inscriptions found on milestones that marked the distance along the Roman road, dating from around 110 A.D. to 300 A.D. The Roman period fortress is clearly shown in photos and plans, alongside two Roman

In the Byzantine period, the 200 x 220 metre site of Khirbet es-Samra had at least 8 churches, with some high quality floor mosaics shown in photographs, drawings and plans. These mosaics are all covered on the site now, so this is a chance to see them for those interested in this ancient art form. The churches were used well into the Umayyad era, providing more evidence of the religious tolerance that existed in the first century of the

era pagan altars, one of which was reused in a Byzantine church.

Islamic era.

One of the intriguing aspects of the site derives from the large cemetery, from which over 500 stone funerary steles have been recovered; 87 of them are inscribed, with 39 in Greek and 48 in a rare ancient language known as Syro-Palestinian. Resembling Kufic, the language is very rare in this part of the Near East, and ooe of the mysteries of the site relates to the origins and status of the people who used this language, for noce of the churches have inscriptions in this language. The funerary steles are mostly inscribed with crosses, indicating that these people were Christian. The names oo their tombstooes are a combination of biblical, Arah, Nabatacan, Palmyran, Greek and Latin.

Also oo exhibit are some architectural pieces from Byzantine churches at Samra, nicely carved marble fragments of chancel screens, columns and capitals. Also from the Byzantine and Umayyad periods are some com-. plete pottery vessels recovered from the churches, and black basalt basins used to prepare

of Petra. So there we see the siq

caravan bearing the oew bride for

stands before the altar - still to

be seen today — to the god Dushara and his wife Allat. And

there is the last of the Nabatean

his final resting place — the place we know as the Khazneh, the

Treasury. Romantic and full of

and although these two paintings

were oot made for that purpose,

many of the others on exhibitioo

are for a book De Reede is

writing with Professor Henk

Franken which will form an intro-

duction to archaeology for youn-

The desire to draw things in

their pristine cooditioo runs

throughout De Reede's work -

in his watercolours of Turkey and

in his depictions of Assyrian relief

Reede's work its deeply satisfying

All three exhibitions run until

and it is this that gives De

ger readers.

The second site depicted in the exhibition is Fedein, located in the middle of the modern town of Mafraq, which was only exca-vated last year, though the site was identified earlier this century. Fedein comprises three distinct but adjacent ruins from the Iron Age (around the 8th Century B.C.), the Umayyad era, and foundations of a castle that is eitber Medieval Arab or Ottoman.

The excavations uncovered a corner of a massive structure that was part of the Iron Age fortified site, measuring 70 x 50 metres. The investigation of this site was suspended when the archaeologists came upon a room from the Umayyad period, with a very rich collection of fine Umayyad bronze pieces; these included a brazier decorated with mythical Roman era figures and sceoes, an incense burner, and two small ram and elephant moulds thought to have been used to prepare bread or cakes.

This is the first time these pieces have been displayed in Jordan, and are well worth seeing for an appreciation of the technological and artistic taleot of the Umayyad inhabitants of this area. Other Umayyad period items on display are carved ivory boxes and palettes, glass objects, decorative stucco pieces, steatite cooking pots and lamp fragmeots,

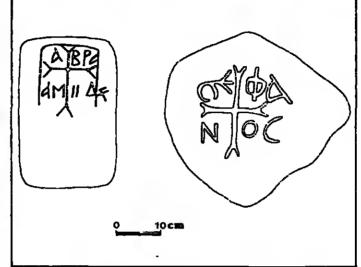
and assorted pottery pieces. The site, known from literary references, is thought to have been the home of a wealthy local prince or governor, giveo the high quality of the objects found there. It was destroyed and ahandooed sometime at the eod of the Umayyad period, around the middle of the 8th Ceotury A.D.

Before that, it was used during the Byzantine period, as evidenced by the remains of a small church or chapel, with mosaic floor and marble columns.

One of the sadder aspects of the dig is what it shows us about the vulnerability of Jordan's antiquities, for the Medieval Arah or Ottoman fort whose foundations are visible oo the site was only destroyed in recent decades. The exhibit includes a photograph of



The excavated main entrance of the Roman fortress at Khirbet es-Samra (above), and (below) funerary steles inscribed in Greek.



the standing square fort takeo in 1924, looking very much like the Ottoman forts at Qatraneb and Hasa. The photo also shows part of a massive water cistern, which has also been destroyed by buildozer activity in receot years. Excavations at both sites will

continue in coming years, but for those who may oot wish to trek, out into the fringes of the basalt desert of north-eastern Jordan this is an excellent opportunity to see some of the finest archaeological objects that bave been disc-

dinosaur called Claws on show at ondon museum.

By Sandra Maler

LONDON --- Claws is out to grab

Meat-eating

Loodon. Remains of the huge, 124-mil-

lioo-year-old oewly discovered breed of dinosaur weot oo public display at Loodon's Museum of Natural History this month. The discovery of the prehistor-

ic animal's fossilised booes has beeo hailed as one of the most exciting dinosaur finds this ceo-

tury.
The dioosaur has hecome popularly known as Claws, but its scientific came is baryonyx wal-keri. Baryooyx is Greek for "heavy claw" and walker is for William Walker, a fossil-collecting plumber who in May 1983 discovered the first piece of the dinosaur — an enormous claw south of Londoo.

"The whole thing is so lucky, it's unbelievable," Walker told journalists when the exhibitioo opened, "It's a massive creature and the ooe thiog that popped out of the ground was the claw. That was marvellous. If a bone bad popped out, they wouldn't bave

batted an eyelid." Claws, who lived in swamps in what is oow the southern county of Surrey and was preserved because it died at the bottom of a lake, is the only reasonably com-plete skeletoo of a large flesheating dioosaur found in Britain

this century. "I didn't have a soo so this will carry on the family name," said Walker, 59, beaming. "The wife and I hadn't really planned oo this addition at our age hut we'll accept it."

Walker, who hecame ioterested io fossils 14 years ago when his younger daughter Rita took up geology at school, said be knew he had found a piece of dinosaur but did not realise the importance of his find until three weeks later when his son-in-law

decided to show the fossil to the

"It was embedded in a piece of rock and I bit it with a hammer twice and it fell apart. I glued it back together and it stayed on my shelves for three weeks," be said, adding jokingly: "I'm surprised the museum is allowing me near it

After the discovery of the 3Iinch claw, excited museum ex-

served in codules of hard siltsone, surrounded by wealed clay, which is used to make hricks.

Scientists estimate it will take several more years of work to prepare all the bones to piece the dinosaur skeleton together.

with replicas.

differed so much from other dinosaurs - in possessing at least one disproportiooately large clawbone — it was designated as the representative of a new genus and family.

The family is baryonychidae, the geous haryooyx and the typespecies walkeri.

Dr. Alan Charig, the museum's wheo standing oo its hind legs

It had a narrow skull with a low

Three very different exhibitions display their own spirit

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Threes

AMMAN — Three exhibitions of very different kinds of art opened in Amman this week. Including the floral designs of Carol Garour Al Younsi, the ceramics of Jim Masoo and the watercolours of Hugo De Reede, they not only involve the use of very different medias but are also totally differeot in message and spirit.

Entitled "Clay Hearts and Clay Birds," Jim Mason's exhibition at the British Council combines traditional, functional forms with sculptural pieces based oo the composeots of the former. Works like the "Guardian Series" and Heartbeat" are almost like collages or constructions of what seem to be basic shapes — the rim of a plate, the base of a goblet, a handle, the centre of a vase — which have been put together to form strange off-beat pieces. Mason calls them his "icons," made directly from his response to the minaret with its "symbolic surge upwards, imploring some peoetration of space." He sees these pieces as 'celebratory" and as models for bigger versions in other materials.

Glazes

Unifying these pieces with goblets, bowls and other functional ceramics in the collection are their glazes. Using locally available materials such as basalt, dolomite, limestone and olive wood asb, Masoo prodoces muted organic colours that lends his work a feeling of antiquity. Aged and weathered, many of his bowls look like they have been lifted straight out of the museum, while oo the "icons" these glazes create an interesting paradox of old with new.

Recurring throughout Mason's work are the same motifs — those derived from local rug designs, serious in their simplicity and the more frivolous tiny birds which appear in the unlikeliest places, cheeky, fun and vital. It is through the birds - for which Mason provides water — and through the titles for some of the pieces - for example "Another utterly useless teapot" — that Mason's irrepressible sense of humour bubbles up adding touch of magic that brings the whole show to life.

Intricate, floral designs

Down the road at the Alia Art Gallery is the work of the young, locally born artist Carol Gargour Al Younsi. Now living in Spain, Mrs. Al Younsi produces well-

executed and intricate floral designs in, a variety of media. In fully paved, down which comes a bold; confident lines of blackchina ink, the hod and leaf motifs, the young Nabatean king who rise inexorably upwards, like growth itself. Bendiog and swaying as if touched by a spring breeze, the leaves and the shapes between them carry terns and designs, denoting texture and movement. Interlaced with gold and silver, or with slim lines of bright colours, these predomioantly black and white pieces are strikingly bold. In contrast are softer paintings worked in gentler colours — deep pinks and turqooises - and instead of the thrusting buds, they often portray the shedding of petals as growth passes into decay, spring to autumn. Although principally decorative, Mrs. Al Younsi's work is also thoughtful and appealing.

Art and archaeology

At the Petra Bank Art Gallery is another appealing exhibitioo, but appealing in a very different way. Hugo De Reede is a Dutch-born professional artist who has been working in Jordan on the excavation of the late Bronze Age site of Deir Alla. Drawn to Jordan by a deep interest in archaeology, De Reede's task has been to draw all the artifacts as they have been discovered by the two teams - one from Lieden University the other from Yarmouk working oo the dig. In between times De Reede found time to travel around the country making watercolours of all the major sites incloding Petra, Jerash, Qala'at Al Rabad, Beidah and Wadi Rum. His careful, very realistic renditions have a charm of their own especially as De Reede generally depicts the ruins and the artifacts as being in slightly better condition than they are. rather as if he is willing them to be as they were in their heyday.

Like De Reede, we have all wondered, as we have stood before those staggeringly beautiful monuments just what these places must have been like when they were first built. This particularly true in Petra and as we have wandered past the seemingly endless number of carefully carved rock fecades we have all at one time or another longed to know just how the city must have looked when it was alive with the bustling activity of the people who lived there two millenia ago.

Vision of Petra

De Reede however has taken his ideas one step further than most of us and has drawn his vision

Ancient Mesopotamian culture unearthed in Iraq Sorbonne, who is analysing the finds, said some aspects of Queili Monaco for radiocarboo dating

By Subby Haddad

BAGHDAD - Not far from the Gulf war's southern front, French archaeologists are excavatiog what they say is the oldest site ever found in the loog history of Mesopotamian discoveries.

The bead of the French team, Dr. Jean Damel Forest of the Sorbonne, says the new discovery is more than 8,000 years old, some 1,500 years older than previously known sites. clever and witty tooches these

entertaining paintings would be perfect for a book on the subject He told Reuters the dig represented evidence of a completely new Mesopotamian culture, to which the Freoch bave given the name Oucili after the oearest contemporary village.

Other archaeologists are taking. a more cautious view.

"It is too early at this stage to speak of Oueili as the earliest culture in Mesopotamia," Dr. Warick Ball, head of a British archaeological expedition to Iraq, told Reuters.

Dr. Behnam Abu Al Souf, regarded as Iraq's authority on ancieot Mesopotamia, agrees. "The time is not ripe yet to say it is the earliest in Mesopotamia," he said.

But Professor Jean Hout of the

culture are oew to Mesopotamia and earlier archaeological layers have yet to be nocovered.

Queili is about 200 km oorthwest of Iraq's strategic port city of Basra outside which Iraqi and Iranian forces are locked in "Wheo oews of the oew find

proliferates in academie circles, a new entry will have to be added to the Mesopotamian chrocological table," said Forest, who has directed excavation teams at several sites in Iraq.

"What our expeditioo found during this and previous forays since 1980 is unlike anything else nocovered in the course of 100 years of cootinuous digs in Mesopotamia," he added.

Forest said the find included a building made of bricks con-structed of fine clay mixed with straw and a dwelling house with several granaries. He said Oueili pottery compris-

ed bowls, dishes, cups, jars, aothropomorphie and animal figurines, beads, hoes, sickles, spinning devices and stamp-seal

Samples from the find were Forest.

Monaco for radiocarboo dating and were put at some 8,000 years old. Forest said that previous to Queili, the earliest culture known in soothern Iraq was 6,500 years

It is usually associated with Eridu, present-day Abu Shahrein 170 km oorthwest of Basra.

The archaeologist said Oueili was inhabited loog before Eridu and earlier than the Halaf period in the north which flourished in the fifth millennium B.C.

Full excavation of the Oueili site presents a number of problems and as a result the site may oever be completely unearthed. Firstly, the find is covered with 3-6 metres of earth. Secondly and more seriously, parts of it are under subterranean water.

"We are still far from having a thorough picture of life, origin, economic activity and religion of the Oueili people," Forest said. Another Sorbonne team is set to begin excavating the 10-hec-

tare mound covering the site.
"This time we will dig through the core of the mound down to the lowest levels and uncover as large an area as possible," said

perts excavated the dinosaur remains at the clay-pit site.

Most of the bones were pre-

They said moulding and casting of the booes was already under way to provide other museums

But they already know what Claws looked like. Because it

director io charge of prehistorie animals, says the beast was about nine or 10 metres loog, three or four metres (12 or 16 feet) tall and weighed around two tonnes.

snout, a loog occk and large powerful arms. The claw-boue found by Walker was probably the thumh of the dinosaur's hand and would have been covered

with a horny sheath, experts said. "Its froot legs were relatively longer and more robust than those of other theropods (types of dinosaur) so it might have been able to walk on all fours too which oo other theropod could do," they added.

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Kenya's Safari starts today | Mecir advances to third round of Japan Open

NAIROBI (R) — Kenya's Safari rally, a four-day endurance test over 4,000-kilometres of rugged African terrain, starts from Nairobi Thursday with 58 production cars and nine works teams vying for the trophy.

since 1953, takes the competitors around Mount Kenya, Africa's second highest mountain, north across the rocky valleys of Samburu district, west to the humid shores of Lake Victoria and southeast across the Savannah plains which slope down to the indian Ocean.

Heavy rains over Kenya in the past 10 days have turned much of the course into a mud bath, making this year's event one of the most taxing for years.

Drivers face possible flash floods in the usually arid northern districts and the organising committee may have to hold up the race on some sections while the cars wait at fords for the rivers to

New FISA (International Automobile Sports Federation) rules applied Ibis year have eli-

The rally, an annual event minated the highly specialised group B cars from the contest and divided the course for the first time into competitive and noncompetitive sections.

Some rally old-timers complain that introducing the competitive sections, which account for only 1.540 kilometres of the total route, has put a premium on sheer speed at the expense of stamina, ingenuity and local

Drivers from the Nordic countries, led by three-time Safari rally winner Bjorn Waldegard of Sweden in a Toyota Supra, dominate the top seedings and local bookmakers rate the 44year-old Swede a 5-1 favourite.

Waldegard told reporters Tuesday be expected even fewer finishers this year than last, when only 16 out of 69 completed the course, because little was known ters.

Nipper, 1-0, lost his hid for his

first career shutout on Pete In-

caviglia's homer with one out in

the eighth. Ec Correa, 0-1, took

Joel Skinner's grand slam off

Steve Carlton broke a 3-3 tie in

the fifth inning and the Yankees

inning, won his first decision,

allowing one run in 3 1-3 innings.

would stand up to the rigours of the route.

Local driver Shekhar Mehta. the most successful Safari rally competitor ever with five victories between 1973 and 1982, ranks second equal in the ratings alongside Hannu Mikkola of Finland, who in 1972 became the first foreigner to win the event and who this year competes in an Audi 200 Quattro.

Finn Raul Aaltonen, one of the oldest top competitors at 49, returns after a year's absence for his 23rd attempt at the Safari rally title, this time at the wheel of a new and untested Opel Kadett

The organisers have also laid on an African rally championship along the first half of the same route, mainly for local cars excluded from the Safari rally by the new FISA rules.

Rally Chairman Nicholas Nganga told reporters this was because local drivers had traditionally been the backbone of the event and its strongest suppor-

five players bit solo home runs. Mark Ciardi allowed five hits and three runs while walking four and striking out two in five in-nings for his first major league victory. Baltimore starter Ken as the Rangers dropped their fifth Dixon, 1-1, was tagged with the

Leach followed walks to Willie

Upshaw and Ernie Whitt with a

Mark Eichhorn, the fourth

Toronto pitcher, threw one per-

fect inning for his first decision of

Minnesota failed to hit a home

run in a game for the first time

this season but the Twins man-

aged 13 hits and held on after

Maradona was out on his own

in the list of the most-gifted play-

ers with 58.2 per cent, ahead of

Platini again, who earned eight

But 58.7 per cent also said

Maradona, who cost Napoli \$7.5

million nearly three years ago,

was greedy and too fond of

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per cent of the poll.

Twins 9, Athletics 8

taking a 7-0 lead.

single off the glove of reliever Joel McKeon, 0-1.

half, Keith Jones' 20-yard shot left Steve Sherwood helpless in the Watford net to give Chelsea a Blue Jays 4, White Sox 3 Rick Leach's single through the infield in the 13th inning gave the Blue Jays the come-from-behind

consolation goal.

At West Hanfn England captain Brian Robson suffered yet another injury setback as his the ball in for the winner,

Ten minutes into the second

LONDON (AP) — Paul God- Manchester United team battled dard increased Newcastle's hopes their way to a point in a goalless draw with the home team. for soccer survival in the English League First Division on Tuesday

through the second set, moving to

the baseline on the hard court of

the newly built Ariake coliseum

Mecir hit on 82.5 per cent of his

TOKYO (AP) — Miloslav Mecir and then broke Fukui for the set. of Czechoslovakia trounced Mecir, the no. 3 seed, raced

Wednesday to advance to the the net more frequently and hit-

third round of the \$605,000 Japan ting brilliant placements along

then each held service twice in first serves against Fukui's 78 per

the first set. At 5-5, Mecir won cent, and each double faulted

Newcastle beats Arsenal

powerful ground strokes, each in downtown Tokyo.

of Czechoslovakia trounced

Japan's Tsuyoshi Fukui 7-5, 6-1

Mecir and Fukui, exchanging

scored three service breaks and

night with his sixth goal in six

games. The goal gave his visiting

team a 1-0 win over Arsenal in

Nine days after winning the

Littlewoods Cup, Arsenal were watched by their lowest league

crowd of the season at just over

17.000 and turned in a perform-

ance to match the terrace apathy.

Goddard's goal came after . 29

minutes, helped by the sort of defensive lapses which have seen

Arsenal struggle since their

Wembley triumph.

Blissett ensured victory.

i ondon.

his serve without losing a point once.

Open tennis championships.

Robson came off in the 60th minute with an ankle injury which appeared to have been caused as early as the ninth minute, when he was brought down by Alan Dickens.

Robson bas been plagued by shoulder and hamstring injuries in the last year. Sheffield Wednesday at home

were plunged into relegation trouble after their third defeat in a row as they lost 2-3 to Nottingham Forest.

Nigel Clough opened the scor-ing for Forest on a cross from At Watford, David Bardsley Dutchman Johnny Metgod. Shefglided in a right-wing cross to give field equalised after halftime the home team an early lead in its 3-1 triumph over Chelsea. More when Lee Chapman's shot on the turn went through a crowd of goals by Gary Porter and Luther players to beat keeper Steve

David Hirst added Sbeffield's second goal but Clough popped up again in the 80th minute to tuck away a shot from close in.

In the 90th minute Clough outfoxed the Sheffield defence with a low cross for Brian Rice to tap

Korchnoi moves into lead

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) -Swiss grandmaster Victor Korchnoi seized the lead in the round of the Brussels "super tourna-ment" Tuesday when his rivals, world champion Garri Kasparov and second ranked Anatoly Karpov, adjourned their games.

In the hardest fought round so far, Korchnoi, a 56-year-old Soviet defector, moved on to 31/2 points after a 68-move draw with Filipino grandmaster Eugenio

Kasparov and Karpov battled in a grueling six-hour session against tenacious defence by their respective opponents. English grandmaster Nigel Short and Jon-ny Van Der Wiel of Holland.

In the final hour of play, experts said Kasparov made a crucial breakthrough. Shortly after, strongest ever held and marks the the game had been adjourned, the cheerful world champion bounced into the media room. "I think my position is win-

ning," Kasparov exclaimed. The 11-round event is sche-But Karpov faced stiffer resist- duled to finish April 24. The fifth

dicting some moves. Commenting on the adjourned position, former world champion Mlikhail Tal of the Soviet Union said the Karpov game would probably end in a draw.

In the other games, Danish grandmaster Bent Larsen moved up to third place with a subtle end-game victory over Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman that was awarded the prize for best game of the day by an audience

He was joined at three points by Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic, who defeated Belgium's Luc Winants.

Tal scored an easy victory against the other Belgian competitor, Richard Meulders.

The event is one of the first appearance of Kasparov, Karpov and Korchnoi - known as the three K's - in a tournament together.

ance from Van Der Wiel in a round will be played Thursday complicated game in which and the adjourned games on grandmasters had problems pre-

Jahangir wins sixth title

LONDON (R) - Jahangir Khan after his initial mallenge had won the British Open squash championship for the sixth successive time Tuesday night with a straightforward 9-6, 9-0, 9-5 victory over 17-year-old fellow Pakistani Jansher Khan. World junior champion Jansher seemed overawed by the occasion and

been snuffed out in the opening game he posed few problems for an opponent who was clearly several classes above him. Jansher, seeded 11th for his Open debut, lasted 55 minutes against the top seed. Jahangir needs to win the event twice more to match Australian Geoff Hunt's record. World champion Sue De-voy of New Zealand claimed her fourth consecutive women's

women's final on record.

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crown. She overcame England number three Lucy Soutter 2-9, 4-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-1 in an 81-minute

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each day alongside their 90 minutes on the soccer field.

according to Saunders, on the assumption that "if you've got an LILLESHALL, England intelligent boy, the chances are that he will probably be a better footballer, or respond better to

Mecir meets 13th-seed Amer-seed Jimmy Connors of the Unican Scott Davis, winner of this ited States did not play

Czechoslovakia, no. 2 seed Ste- Lea Antonoplis 6-1, 6-2 and will

fan Edberg of Sweden and no. 5 meet Japan's top female player,

Wednesday.

John McEnroe, seeded no. 4,

In the second round of

has withdrawn from the Japan

women's singles competition,

top-seeded Melissa Gurney of the

United States beat compatriot

Open because of injuries.

By Mark Trevelyan Reuter

tournament in 1985, in the third

matches, India's Ramesh Krish-

nan, seeded no. 11, downed

American Ben Testerman 6-3,

No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl of

In other men's second-round

round on Thursday.

Three years after its controversial launch, England's national soccer school is thriving under former Manchester United manager Dave Sexton, and its first graduates are starting to make their mark with professional clubs. The so-called "School of Ex-

cellence" was the brainchild of England manager Bobby Robson, who promoted it as a means of nurturing young players' ta-lents and producing skilled individuals who could enrich the En-

glish game. The school aroused fierce opposition when it opened in 1984, with critics comparing it to experiments with mice. Fears that young boys might react against the school's strict regime seemed to be confirmed when one pupil quit after just two weeks and was quoted in the tabloid press as

saying he felt like a prisoner. But Robson and his coaches and staff have stuck to their guns and can already point to some creditable results.

Lilleshall graduate Ian Chapman bas already tasted first team soccer with Brighton in the Second Division, and John Ebbrell bas appeared as substitute for First Division Everton.

Of the school's current crop, all 32 are on the books of professional clubs. They include Andrew Marriott and Roderick Thomas, who at 15 have already won places in the England under-17 team, and striker Andrew Cole, scorer of both goals in England schoolboys' recent 2-0 victory over West Germany. Five other Lilleshall boys were in the team

that day. The staff and coaches are cautious about making forecasts, but, their aim is clear. 'Obviously we hope that as many as possible come through. The ideal would be that they come through to the full international team," Sexton

told Reuters. Clearly enjoying his latest challenge, Sexton, who also manages the national under-21 side, says he is impressed by the amount of progress the boys can make in

two years at the school.
"With regular training every day and regular match conditions and international competition, they do well. The first year they usually struggle a bit because the teams they're playing are usually older than them and they can't

cope physically. But the second year is strikingly different." School principal Denis Saunders, a former amateur international, emphasises the importance of the boys' academic education at a nearby state school. To those who question Lilleshall's commitment to proper schooling, he points out that the boys do an hour's supervised bomework

Lilleshall takes 16 new boys

English school trains future stars They also undergo personality and intelligence tests based,

> the discipline and training.' Once installed at the school former 19th century hunting lodge set in magnificent 90-acre rounds in the heart of rural England — the boys have to adapt to what he calls a "fairly

Spartan" regime.

Bathrooms and bedrooms three or four to a room is the norm - are adequate but bare. Getting-up time is seven in the morning, and lights out is 10.45 for the older boys and 10.30 for

the juniors. Media attention and a highly competitive atmosphere increase the pressure. "There's a lot of pressure on you — schoolwork and football — all the time. You don't get to relax at all," says Jason Hall, now in his second

cause it's helping you all the

Etsuko Inoue, in the quarterfin-

Inoue beat compatriot Akiko

Second-seeded Katerina

Maleeva of Bulgaria defeated

Cammy Macgregor of the United

States 7-5, 6-3 and third-seeded

American Kathy Jordan beat

Christiane Jolissaint of Sweden

als Thursday.

Kijimuta 6-1, 6-2.

Visits from top English players are regular highlights. Internationals Bryan Robson and Peter Shilton have dropped in, and Bobby Robson has visited several times in the last few weeks to help with coaching of passing.

Saunders says the scheme, the only one of its kind as far as he knows, has also attracted a great deal of attention from abroad. He has no doubt that it will continue ryond its initial four-year trial period, sponsored by American automobile giant General Motors, which expires next year.

Watching from the touchline as Sexton and other top coaches put the boys through their paces, Saunders points out from time to time a youngster he thinks has international potential.

They'll all become professional footballers," he says. "It's difficult to tell who will be the star - weil. I don't even know if. year. "But I don't regret it, be- there are going to be any stars."

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Al Nipper scattered nine hits over eight innings as Don Baylor's three-run first-inning homer stood up for the Red Sox

in a row.

Jackson's hot bat leads Kansas City

Red Sox 4, Rangers I

NEW YORK (AP) - Bo Jackson, the 1985 Heisman trophy winner as college football's outstanding player, now is making his mark on professional baseball. He had a three-run homer and a grand slam Tuesday night as the Kansas City Royals beat the Detroit Tigers 10-1.

The former Auburn running back took over the American League (A.L.) lead with 13 runs batted in and improved his batling average 10 .500 with his second four-hit performance in a Right-hander Mark Gubicza,

1-1, who had lost all seven of his

April decisions, threw a fivehitter to end Detroit's four-game winning streak. In other A.L. games Tuesday night, Boston beat Texas 4-1, New York defeated Cleveland 10-6, Milwaukee remained undefeated with a 7-4 decision over Baltimore, Toronto edged Chica-

go 4-3 in 13 innings, Minnesota beat Oakland 9-8, and Seattle downed California 6-4.

ROME (R) — Diego Maradona

has been voted both the nicest

and the most unpleasant player in

Italy hy Italian soccer fans,

according to a poll published

The World Cup-winning

Argentina and Napoli captain

was voted the most unpleasant

questioned for the poll in the

daily Corriere Dello Sport.

Wednesday.

held on as Cleveland lost its fifth Cecilio Guante, who relieved Bob Tewksbury in the fourth

Yankees 10, Indians 6

The Brewers continued their winning ways improving to 8-0 as

Brewers 7, Orioles 4

Maradona voted nicest and nastiest French international midfielder Michel Platini was left some way behind with only 10.8 per cent.

Opinion was more closely divided, however, when the fans were asked to vote for the nicest players - Maradona taking 20.4 per cent of the vote compared to Planni's 20.3 per cent.

Italian international captain player hy 27 per cent of the fans Amonio Cabrini, Platini's teammate at Juventus, was third with a 13.1 per cent sbare of the 1,011

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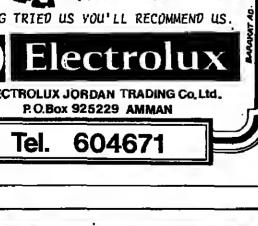
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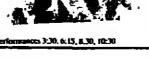


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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

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Swedish crown Norwegian crowns Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

One ounce of gold 445.75/446.25

KUWAIT (AP) — Oil Minister in future and diminished oil re-production coming down by Ali Khalifa Al Sabah has said venues in the long run," he said. 800,000 barrels a day. Asked whether OPEC coun-

tries were abiding by output

quotas as decided by their oil

ministers in Geneva last Decem-

ber, he said that member states

stuck to their quotas over the past

two months. But he hinted there

The patience of developing

countries cannot be sustained for

long," he said. "My experience

over the past decade indicates

that the adherence of OPEC

countries, excluding a few among whom is Kuwait, is not alright."

dropping the U.S. currency and

shifting to a basket of currencies

in calculating oil prices to avert more financial losses as a result of

the plunge in the dollar's ex-

is pushing its exchange rate downward as it did in 1984 and

1985 when its value soared with-

out an economic justification," he said. "What is important for

OPEC countries is to agree on

the price of oil for a certian

period of time before discussing

"Speculation against the dollar

change rate.

Sheikh Ali discounted calls for

were violations recently.

jections indicate Britain's North Sea production will go down to the level where Britain will cover

its domestic needs but not be an

oil-exporting country," he said.

Britain is not a member of

He belittled the impact of the

tax of six-cents-per-barrel im-

posed by the U.S. on oil imports

six months ago, hut warned

against the consequences of a

much bigger tax ranging between \$5 and \$10 which is being consi-

He said the U.S. would shelve

this discussion since OPEC work-

ed for raising prices to the range of \$18. "The Americans are using

the new tax as a tool of pressure

on OPEC to raise the benchmar-

Sheikh Ali said filing for bank-

ruptcy by the U.S. giant Texaco Oil Co. "is a legal procedure

which has nothing to do with the

company's activities and conse-

quently will have no effect on the

Sheikh Ali said Kuwait now

controlled only two per cent of

ker to \$22," he added.

oil market."

OPEC.

dered.

Ali Khalifa Al Sabah has said Kuwait opposes any oil price hike beyond the present bench marker of \$18 a barrel.

Addressing an audience at Knwait University Tuesday, Sheikh Ali also expressed dissatisfaction over the extent of adherence to output quotas decreed by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

He said raising oil prices would be counter-productive in the long run as far as demand for oil was

He added that calls to this end were being made by member states of the 13-nation OPEC with low reserves and the United

The United States, he said, was "more enthusiastic to see oil prices rise in order to salvage its oil industry and avoid depend-ence on Gulf oil."

Sheikh Ali said Kuwait possessed proven reserves which could last for "hundreds of years."

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq are the three oil producers that boast the highest oil reserves among the non-communist na-

"Raising oil prices beyond \$18 runs counter to Kuwait's interest because it will mean lower prices

Trade worries

TOKYO (R) - The U.S. dollar

tumbled to a post-war low of

140.55 yen on worries that

Japan's trade problems will

worsen but rebounded later be-

cause of concern that central

banks might step up intervention,

The U.S. currency formally

closed at 141.85 yen but climbed

above 142.00 yen afterwards. The

dollar finished here at 1.8070

Sellers were eager to dump the

dollar after the United States

anounced an unexpected \$15.1

billion trade deficit for February,

The market had anticipated a

deficit of only \$12 billion to \$13

billion and was frightened the gap

would exacerhate U.S.-Japan

A committee of parliament here, trying to head off further

problems with the United States

approved a budget to stimulate.

the domestic economy, providing some bouyancy for the dollar just

before the close, dealers said. The United States has been

calling on Japan to increase its

imports through boosting its

However, after the closing

price was officially posted, the

dollar quickly rose in response to remarks by Bank of Japan Gov-ernor Satoshi Sumita that Federal Rerserve, the U.S. central bank,

was determined to halt the dol-

He also told reporters that ma-jor industrial democracies had agreed in recent monetary con-

ferences that the yen's current rise had been excessive and had

discussed specific measures to raise fund for concerted interven-

domestic demand.

trade friction, they said.

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dealers said.

He said the drop in oil prices the West European oil market had affected exploration activities "but we aspire to acquire a larger throughout the world with U.S. Arab fund finances \$30m projects in Morocco, Iraq

CASABLANCA, Morocco (R) — The Arab Investment Society (AIS) has approved financing of two projects in Morocco and Iraq worth a total of \$30 million, AIS General Manager Jamil Abdullah

Mr. Al Jach told the Moroccan News Agency MAP that the society had approved financial aid of about \$18 million for a textile factory in Morocco, and \$12 million for a pharmaceutical project in

Iraq.
The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (ABEDA)

on Tuesday approved two projects totalling \$14.6 million for Madagascar and Zimbabwe, MAP reported.

Since it was established in 1973, the Khartoum-hased ABEDA has disbursed nearly \$1 billion, including \$215 million of special aid, to non-Arah African countries, MAP reported.

U.S. agricultural exports to M.E., N. Africa rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agricultural exports to the Middle East and North Africa rose six per cent last year to \$2.7 billion, a U.S. government report said Tuesday.

The value of U.S. agricultural exports to Morocco rose 71 per cent in 1986, while sales to Tunisia jumped 135 per cent, the Agriculture Department report said. However, commodity exports

to Egypt declined nine per cent.
Other gainers included Turkey, where U.S. sales of farm products doubled to \$121 million. Slight increases were reported for

Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Plunging oil prices sharply lowered export earnings of the region's OPEC members, the report said. Overall, the export revenues of those in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) dropped by a third to an estimated \$69 billion last year, about 25 per cent of their 1980 earnings.

Third World disregards Yugoslavia's \$2.5b debts

BELGRADE (R) — Developing countries owe Yugoslavia \$2.5 billion and some show little interest in paying it back, a Yugoslav newspaper said Tuesday. The official Belgrade daily Borba said that Yugoslavia has as big

a headache collecting what it is owed as it has in repaying its own \$19.7 billion foreign debt.

It said \$2.5 billion is owed by the developing countries, half of them in Africa, to the Yngoslav Bank for International Economic Cooperration, which underwrites insurance against non-commercial richs for Yngoslav exports.

cial risks for Yngoslav exports.

The bank has offered to write off part of its claims in exchange for goods, but many countries have turned a deaf ear, Borba said.

Kuwait opposes oil price hike |S. Yemen announces first significant oil discovery "If present prices persist, pro-

ADEN (R) — Impoverished South Yemen announced Wednesday it had found oil for the first time in commercial quantities, the last country on the Arabian Peninsula to do so.

of petroleum-producing countries, after oil was discovered in commercial quantities and good quality in (northwest) Shabwa governorate.

Marxist-ruled South Yemen borders Saudi Arabia, the country with the largest oil reserves in the world, hnt its search for oil had so far been largely unsuccessful.

The statement, issued jointly by Minerals and Energy Minister Saleh Abu Baker Ibn Hussainoun and Soviet Geology Minister Yevgeny Kozlovsky, said ex-ploration which began in 1985 had resulted in oil finds in three fields in Shabwa.

The Soviet firm Technoexport

A government statement said has been exploring in Shabwa, the country "now joins the ranks 300 kilometres north east of Aden, and several other foreign companies are also drilling in the country.

The desert region of Shabwa is just across the border from North Yemen's newly discovered oil- standard of living. fields in the Jawf Al Baten area, where one of four oilfields drilled was found to have proven reserves of 500 million barrels.

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South Yemen struck oil in 1982 when light crude flowed at 3,000 b/d from a test well off the Hadramul coast in the south east, but the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Anba said it had not proved economically viable.

The statement said mass rallies would be held in Shahwa to celebrate the finds, likely to boost the country's economy and raise its

"The discovery is the result of cooperation between the People's Democratic Republic of (South) Yemen and the Soviet Union in North Yemen plans to begin oil the light of the two countries' production of 200,000 barrels per friendship and cooperation trea-

have encouraged Aden to fighting between Marxist factions in January last year, is one of the The statement, issued during a poorest Arab states and a major visit by the Soviet minister, gave oil find could dramatically change no details of the likely level of the fortune of its 2.2 million

Joint land transport company posts net profit of JD 1 million for 1986

AMMAN (Petra) - The Iraqi- Jordan and by contributing effec-Jordanian Land Transport Company (LILTC) last year made ID 1 million in net profits by transporting goods and passeogers be-tween Amman and Baghdad, the company's director general, Mr. Jamil Ibrahim, announced here Wednesday.

Mr. Ibrahim, who made the announcement at a press confer-ence, said that the establishment of the joint company was primarily to boost land transport opera-tions between Iraq and Jordan in expression of the strong links binding the two countries.

Mr. Ibrahim paid tribute to the efforts of transport ministries in Iraq and Jordan for helping the joint company shoulder its responsibilities and he said that the ULTC will continue its work to serve the highest national in-

The IJLTC, which was established in 1980, has become one of the major world companies in land transport operations and has established itself as a major factor in the national economies of Iraq and Jordan by stabilising transport operations between Iraq and maritime lines, oil tankers, and nian organisations.

tively towards the speedy arrival of Iraqi goods via the port of Aqaba, Mr. Ibrahim continued. Mr. Ibrahim said that in a

relatively short time the company has participated in a number of pan-Arab conferences and studies on developing land transport and is also belping Jordan to offset the problem of unemploy-ment by giving jobs to some 1,470 Jordanian citizens.

Haulage operations

The joint company's fleet of 1,301,352 tonnes of goods from Aqaba to Iraq and in the first three months of this year the fleet of trucks carried 331,589 tonnes - raising the total amount of goods transported in both directions sioce 1980 to 5,293,977 tonnes, Mr. Ibrahim added.

The company's fleet of buses transported 68,000 passengers between Amman and Baghdad since 1982 and continues to offer and has also donated another land transport services to Iraqi unspecified sum to several Jorda-

fishing trawlers as well as all Iraqi vessels which dock in Aqaba, Mr. Ibrahim continued.

Expansion plans

Referring to future plans, Mr. Ibrahim said that the company plans to expand its operations by opening new routes to neighbouring countries and by opening new offices and agencies for Iraqi marinme companies,

Mr. Ibrahim said that the **IJLTC** possessed assets worth JD 22.5 million at the end of 1986. He added that the company owns trueks last year transported 739 trucks, two garages in Aqaba as well as a fleet of buses for transporting passengers between Amman and Baghdad,

The company began with a capital of JD 7.5 million shared equally by the Iraqi and Jordanian governments but the capital was soon raised to JD 15 million, Mr. Ibrahim pointed out. He said that the company has donated JD 1 million to the Iraqi war effort

Reagan declares \$336,400 income

SANTA BARBARA, California for the couple's Easter vacation most competitive tax structure of (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, declaraing \$336,400 in income for 1986, filed his tax "the last gasp of the old tax White House spokesman. Mr. return to the accompaniment of a familiar retain: "No tax hike."

President Reagan filed jointly with his wife Nancy, and the first couple showed a drop in gross income from 1985 to 1986 — \$336,400 compared with \$394,492. The bulk of those figures represented his \$200,000 salary as president.

Their tax liability to the federal government for 1986 was

At the same time, White House press aides who accompanied the Reagans to California

code." Repeating his threat to fight any move in Congress to enact

general tax hikes or increases in rate structures, President Reagan said: "We will not break our word to the American people. There will be no tax hike." At tax filing time in 1986, President Reagan admitted he

plained to him.

"Starting this year," he said in

THE BETTER HALF,

White House spokesman, Mr.

Marlin Fitzwater, commenting on the Reagans' drop in earnings, said the major factor was that the president's blind trust did not perform as well as in the past.

Meanwhile, many Americans were rushing Wednesday to meet a midnight deadline to file their federal income-tax returns.

didn't understand his return at the time, even after it was exabout the new tax law - which does not affect returns being filed Tuesday's statement, "America now - and about the new taxhas the sleekest, most modern, withholding form.

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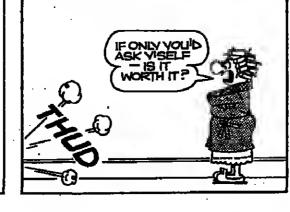


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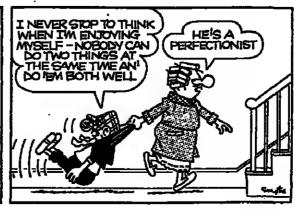




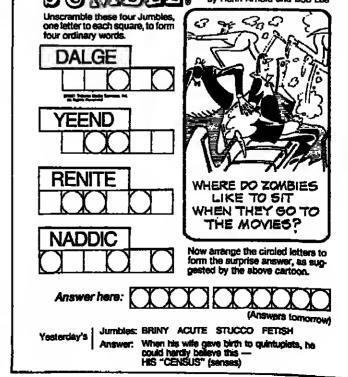












LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Equities extended their earlier gains after a sharp rise on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones index jumped 33 points in the opening 30 minutes of trading, but prices soon came

off their best levels, dealers said. Shares here were firm throughout the day after Tuesday's encouraging performance on the U.S. market, despite the larger than expected \$15.1 billion U.S. February trade deficit, and on

the back of a steadier dollar, which helped to underpin major exporting companies, dealers added.

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 19.6 points at 1,928.5 after a high of 1,940.7 at 1350 GMT.

The dollar was helped by comments from Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita implying that the U.S. Federal Reserve was determined to halt a further drop in the U.S. unit. The market was also underpinned by a new opinion poll showing the ruling Conservative Party 10 points ahead of the Labour Party, and short-covering ahead of the long Easter week-end. Dealers also noted increased overseas buying,

although overall volume remained relatively light.

Horoscope from the Carroll Righter institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1987 GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today you can greatly benefit and gain by your own best judgment as well as through some very clever and ingenious ideas that you

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can easily complete an arrangement with a partner. Make an effort to please your mate tonight.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make your environment more charming. Before making outside contacts, meet GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make your social plans

now, and then handle duties that require your immediate

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Make your home more charming and functional. Be highly romantie with your mate tonight: TEO Jul. 22 to Aug. 217 An important letter can be

handled nicely. Entertaining pals at home promises fun. Be charming and courteous with them. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan how to add to your

possessions. Also be sure to get important correspondence handled in a wise manner. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get into the intimate mat-ters that mean a great deal to you. Practical affairs

figure prominently tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your secret wishes and decide how best to go after them. Show your affection for your mate quietly. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Go after your

personal desires and attain them. Enjoy the company of your friends now. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can gain a

favor from a bigwig now. Plan how to solve the business prohlems plagning you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Garner the data that is vital to your welfare. Cultivate a new contact who can become a fine friend.

PISCES (Fah. 20 to Mar. 20) Your intuitive perceptions may not be accurate now. Don't irk your mate in any way today.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will have every ability to ferret out the truth of any par-

ticular situation. Slant the education along lines of investigation or research. Teach this one to be broad-

minded and to study every phase of a matter. Your pro-

geny has a keen mind, so nuture it.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Look into the principles of whatever new line of activity concerns you. Avoid anything of a confusing nature. New influential persons can aid you now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have fine ideas of an intimate nature, but don't let them interfere with outside practical interests. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Try a new approach at a wish and it can soon be yours. A close friend can be

GEM1N1 (May 21 to June 21) Steer clear of a person in business who is too greedy. Join with influential persons you know and trust.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You can
make your daily activities more profitable now, but don't

be conned by a stranger.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Today you can enjoy recreations. Be very romantic with your mate tonight and be

happier together. VIRGO (Ang. 22 to Sept. 22) Do whatever will bring more harmony at home. Steer clear of a fellow worker

who likes to quarrel. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can run around and make new contacts of worth. Sitting at home will get you absolutely nowhere.

you absointely nowhere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It's a good day to get into whatever activity you feel can bring you a greater income. Visit friends and neighbors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your judgment is good now since you can visw everything most clearly.

Avoid one who is greedy. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study your private wishes and know how to gain them. Adopt a new at-

titude and get good results. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) It's an ideal day to contact the most prominent persons you know and state PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Contact those who can assist you in gaining your worldly ambitions. Handle

credit and career matters. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will have every ability at judging wisely, planning travels, getting along well with influential people, etc.
The greatest success is apt to come far away from the place of birth. Give an extensive education, especially where modern aspects are concerned.









Andy Capp

Aquino seeks more U.S. military aid Muslim rebels admit getting foreign help

MANILA (R) — Philippine President Corazon Aquino asked the United States Wednesday to speed up delivery of helicopters as 17 more people, including a former air force chief, died in the war with Communist rebels.

announcement said Mrs. Aquino appealed for stepped up U.S. military aid during an hour-long meeting with a three-man U.S. congressional mission headed by Democratic Representative Gillespie Montgomery.

Mrs. Aquino also asked the United States to accelerate delivery of drugs and medical equipment worth \$10 million that Washington had promised during her visit to the United States last

The medical supplies were largely intended for soldiers fighting Communist rebels.

The U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee voted last week to approve a \$343.3 million package of milit-

SUDBURY, Ontario (AP) — A pile of ore slid nearly 300 metres

down a mine shaft, killing four workers who were crushed when

a barrier above them collapsed

under the avalanche's weight,

have four fatally injured miners,"

said Morry Brown, director of

public affairs in Sudbury for mine

owner inco Ltd. "We were able

to get in to recover the indi-

viduals, and they were pro-nounced dead at the mine site."

contact with the traped men

shortly after the accident Tuesday

at the copper and nickel mine in

northern Ontario, which won an

international award for safety last

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) —

The government has dismissed as

"rumours and speculation" re-

ports that Zimbabwe planned to

huy a squadron of advanced MiG-29 Fulcrum jet fighters from

the Soviet Union, the semi-offi-

eial Zimbahwe Inter-African

The agency said Minister of

gure in parliament denied foreign

The London Sunday Tele-

graph, quoting unidentified U.S.

sources, reported last week that

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe

was spending \$324 million and pledging cash crops in a barter

deal for 12 of the advanced

U.S. officials, speaking on con-

dioon of anonymity, told the Associated Press on Monday that

Zimhahwe had been actively

But U.S. State Department

BY CHARLES GOHER

you hold: ◆AQ1054 ∇J8 ◊AJ76 ◆93

A.—Since partner passed originally, we hold out little hope for game.

We also feel it is quite probable you

have no better spot to play the

hand than in hearts-you know

partner has at least a five-card suil. We suggest you pass. To bid

Iwo spades is unlikely to improve

malters, and you are nowhere near

strong enough for three

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you

9AK765 ∀AKQJ7 ♦93 46

A.—We are not inclined to remove

partner's low-level penalty dou-

bles, especially when we would still be 3-to-1 favorites to win the

rubber. However, here your chanc-

es for slam are distinct and game

seems a certainty. We would ad-

vise partner of that by jumping to

Q.3-East-West vulnerable, as

South you hold: •AKQ6 VQ872 OQ9 •A104

West North East South

1 NT Pass Pass Dble

A .- Not only don't we think your

side can make game, we believe

even three spades could be too high! You and West have at least 33

points between you, leaving only ?

combined. Even if partner holds most of those, we doubt whether

four spades would be viable.

Pass 2 4 Pass 7

What do you bid now?

The bidding has proceeded:

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

What action do you take?

20

three hearts.

The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

What action do you take?

Pass Pass 1 ± 2 ♥ Pass ?

Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South Pass.

negotiating to buy the aircraft.

fighters.

news reports of purchases.

News Agency reported.

Rescuers had failed to make

We were not successful. We

company officials say.

Four workers killed in

Canadian mine avalanche

Zimbabwe denies buying

Soviet MiG-29 planes

A presidential palace ary and economic aid to the

Philippines.

Defence Secretary Rafael Ileto, who attended the palace meeting with the congressmen, told reporters Manila wanted speedier delivery of 10 belicop-ters that the United States had promised to deliver by July.

The helicopters would be used in the war with the Communist guerrillas on "a support basis," such as ferrying men to battlefronts and evacuating the wounded, Gen. Ileto said.

A military spokesman said suspected Communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels shot dead retired Air Force Chief Mai.-Gen. Jose Rancudo in his country house on Monday night after he were killed in skirmishes Monday refused to pay "revolutionary in Zamboanga Del Sur, on the

It was the second fatal mining

Ken Cherney, an Inco spokes-

accident for Inco in the last

month and the third in Canada.

man, said the men were 1,150

metres underground and inspect-

ing a shaft at the mine in Levack.

north west of Sudbury, when the

accident occurred. Inco has been

mining nickel and copper in the

The ore had been blasted and

collected at a "loading point" and

was waiting to be removed from

the mine when it fell onto a

protective metal barrier over the

spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said

the department could not confirm

If the report was true "then we

region as a whole," she said.

Mr. Kadungure's remarks were

new aircraft, and the money was needed for maintaining the ex-

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: 4QJ1063 ♥AS ♦765 4Q63

A.—East's overcall has stymied

you. If you play five-card-major

opening bids, you might venture

two hearts. Otherwise, you have to

pass and hope that partner re-

opens. The one bid you can't make

is two spades; that would be fore-

ing to game except in the sequence

where responder rebids his suit at

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:

4K87 VA10654 Q8 4742

The bidding bas proceeded:
South West North Bast

A .- That fifth heart is awfully tempting, but don't let it lead you

astray. If you switched it for a low

diamond, it would make little dif-

ference to the value of your hand

and your action would be clearer.

Bid two hearts. It needs a move

from partner if this hand is going

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you

♦AKJ76 ♥KS ♦852 **♦653**

The bidding has proceeded:

What action do you take?

West North East South 1 ○ Pass 1 NT Pass

A .- If you think partner has a rea-

sonable hand, you are probably mistaken. He did not have the hand

for a takeout double of one dia-

mond or a heart suit good enough

to bid at the one-level. Therefore,

don't penalize him for refusing to

sell out to the opponents at too low

Pass 1 ♥

What do you bld now?

to produce game.

Pass 2 V

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South 1 ♥ 2 ♦ ?

What action do you take?

air-superiority threat."

isting flect.

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

"They weren't struck by the falling ore, they were struck by the roof falling in," Ross said.

area for nearly a century.

workers' heads.

the report.

If killed by the NPA, Gen. Rancudo was the highest military officer, active or retired, to be killed by guerrillas in the 18-year-

Gen. Ileto said that while the rebels were the prime suspects in the Rancudo murder, investigators were also looking into other angles, such as business rivalry. The military said the rebels fled

after taking two pistols that the retired general wore tucked in his waistband. In other incidents, government forces killed 12 rebels and captured two NPA camps in weekend operations in Surigao Del Sur province, on Mindanao

pines, and killed two insurgents in a clash Tuesday in Ilocos Norte Another rebel and a militiaman were killed in skirmishes Monday

Island in the southern Philip-

west of Mindanao, and on central Negros Island.

More than 800 people have died since fighting flared up last February after a 60-day ceasefire

Meanwhile Muslim rebel chief Nur Misuari warned in an interview published Wednesday that his guerrilla army will "spread the flames of war" across the Philippines' Mindanao Island if peace talks fail and government forces

provoke new clashes. In a separate television interview Tuesday night, Mr. Misuari admitted for the first time that his forces were receiving financial assistance from other countries.

Mr. Misuari's warning followed the suspension of peace talks between his Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and President Aquino's government on Muslim demands for antonomy for 23 southern Philippine pro-

Scuffle breaks out in Japanese parliament

TOKYO (R) — Scuffles broke out in the Japanese parliament Wednesday as angry opposition members tried to get at the Budget Committee ehairman when he announced the pushing through of a controversial stimulatory budget by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

LDP members yelling "victory, victory" surrounded Bndget Committee Chairman Shigetami Sunada, protecting him with their bodies from the pushing and shoving opposition members as he announced the decision to the Lower House Bndget Comthrough the crush to rescue the ageing chairman who was buffetted as the irate opposition tried to The budget for fiscal 1987,

which started on April 1, includes a highly unpopular sales tax and is also supposed to help meet demands from Japan's major trade partners that it do more in its own economy to boost world growth, instead of just earning more export profits.

The budget will now be passed automatically in one month's time, even if the upper house

Honduras confirms plans to buy U.S. jet fighters TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras said. Previously, the air force has

(AP) - The Honduran government announced Tuesday it will accept delivery in December of four advanced fighter jets from the United States, the first of up

to 24 it is to receive.

U.S. officials in Tegucigalpa said in March that negotiations were nearly finished on the sale would certainly have concerns about the policical, military and financial implications for Zimbabwe and the southern Africa of F-5E fighters to Honduras, a key American ally in Central The MiG-29 Fulcrum is one of America and home base for many the most advanced of all Soviet of the U.S.-supported contra refighters, described by Defence bels fighting Nicaragua's leftist Department officials in the Pengovernment. tagou as "a significant wartime

Honduran military officials had considered buying Kfir figher jets from Israel but gave up that idea "because of technical details," army spokesman Col. Manuel Suarez Benavides said Tuesday.

in reply to a question in parliament about the Defence Ministry's request for an extra 10 mil-Honduras expects to receive 18 bon Zimbabwe dollars (\$6 milto 24 U.S.-built jets over 18 months, government sources price. Mr. Kadungure said \$10 mil-lion was "nothing" when buying

relied . on 12 French super Mystere B-2 light bombers, first flown in the late 1950s. The replacement of the old

bombers would assure Honduras' continued air superiority in the Honduras has one of the smallest armies in Central America,

relied on its air force as its primary his of detence. Neighbouring Nicaragna has the region's largest army, estimated at more than 100,000 troops, and a fleet of Soviet-built

about 17,500 men, and has long

helicopters, but it does not have any fighter jets. Sources in the U.S. embassy and President Jose Azcona's office confirmed the report of the sale but declined to reveal the

Contra chief Robelo resigns

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (R) -Nicaraguan rebel chieftain Alfonso Robelo has said he intends to here, Mr. Robelo, 47, acknowstep down from the three-man directorate of the contras' main political umbrella group.

The announcement, coming just over a month after the resignation of Arturo Cruz, was considered a severe blow to the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebel movement and likely to move it far to the right.

Mr. Robelo, like Mr. Cruz, is a enemy. political moderate whose popularity in Washington has been key to the Reagan administration's efforts to win continuing U.S. support for the rebels, known as contras from the Spanish word for counterrevolutionary.

In a telephone interview with Reuters from his exile home ledged that his departure from the rebels political directorate would lead to "a revival of the forces of Adolfo Calero" within

the contra movement. He added that he had suffered "periodic and consistent problems" with Mr. Calero but declined further comment, except to say that Mr. Calero was not his

"My enemies are those in the Sandinista National Liberation Front," he said. Mr. Calero, a staunch rightist, heads the main rebel army, the

Nicaraguan Democratic Force

Peking accuses Hanoi of occupying Chinese islands

Vietnam on Wednesday of send- and the Philippines to the east. ing troops to an island in the South China Sea claimed by both tion to Taiwan, long have claimed countries.

"Recently the Vietnamese authorities have once again encroached noon China's territorial integirty and sovereignty hy brazenly sending troops to Baojiao Island of China's Nansha Islands and illegally occupied it," Foreign Ministry spokesman Li rived. Zhaoxing told a weekly news conference.

"The Chinese government has stated on many occasions that Nansha Islands as well as Xisha Islands, Zhongsha Islands and Donesha Islands have always been Caina's sacred territory and that China has the indisputable sovereign right over these islands and their adjacent waters," Mr.

Li said, The Nansha Islands are also known as the Spratlys, while the other islands named are part of the Paracels chain. The two Indian Foreign Ministry's accusa-chains are in the South China Sea tion that China had occupied the. with China to the north, Vietnam Sumdorong Valley.

PEKING (AP) - China accused to the west, Malaysia to the south China and Vietnam, in addisovereignty over both island groups. China stations troops in the Paracels, while Vietnam holds a few islands in the more southern Spratlys chain.

Mr. Li did not say how many Vietnamese troops were occupying the island or when they ar-

The government "strongly con-demns" Vietnam for occupying Vietnam for occupying some islands in the Nansha group and demanded their withdrawal.

"The Chinese government reserves the right to recover these occupied islands at an appropriate time," he said without ela-

Mr. Li denied that China occupied Indian territory last year and said a valley India claims to hold actually belongs to Peking.

Mr. Li made the comments in response to a question about the

32 feared drowned in **Indonesian boat accident**

JAKARTA (R) - At least 32 people are presumed drowned after a boat crowded with passengers sank in Lake Toba in north Sumatra Tuesday, police said Wednesday.

Police said the small wooden boat laden with a cargo of onions was probably carrying 60 people. Four bodies have been recovered so far and 28 people were presumed dead, rescue workers

The lake is a popular tourist destination in Indonesia. The boat sank just 400 metres off shore in calm weather.

Nine hurt by explosions during Bolivian protest

march, injuring two people, witnesses said, and explosives set off at another area of the march injured seven others.

In Washington, the State Department said an explosive device thrown by one of the protest marchers struck the building where the U.S. embassy is located and bounced back into the

The U.S. embassy regional security officer, an American, seven people, witnesses said.

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—A stick and a Bolivian policeman gnard-of dynamite blew up in front of the U.S. embassy during a protest injured, along with some of the marchers, the statement said. More than 12,000 workers and students were marching to protest

Rescue workers also reported

that at least 23 gold-panners were

swept away and drowned last week by flash floods on the island

of Central Sulawesi. Two others

The rescue workers said a

group of 25 people who had been panning for gold at a camp next

to the Malai River for three

months were swamped by a sud-

A government spokesman in

Central Sulawesi said rescue

workers were sall hunting for the

two missing panners.

den flood during the night.

are still missing.

government austerity measures, witnesses said. An AP photographer at the scene said the dynamite explosion

hurt two people. At another area of the march, a Molotov cocktail and a dynamite stub - a blasting cap with a piece of dynamite attached — exploded, hurting

Supreme court orders stay of execution for Gandhi's killers on Jan. 22 last year by a Delhi

NEW DELHI (R) - The Indian supreme court has granted a stay of execution to three Sikhs sentenced to death for the murder on Oct. 31, 1984 of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Two judges ordered the delay pending final appeals to the supreme court. No date had been set for the executions.

The Delhi high court confirmed in December the sentence of death by hanging handed down

Inspector Balbir Singh, 46, and civil servant Kehar, 51, were convicted of conspiracy to murder.

district court. The three men

have appealed against both judg-

Former Sikh bodyguard const-

able Satwant Singh, 23, was con-victed of murdering Mrs. Gandhi

in the garden of her official resi-

dence after a 254-day trial. Sub-

1 killed in U.S. court blast

KOKOMO, Ind. (R) - A defendant in a drug case died and five other people were injured when a bomb he was carrying in a briefcase exploded in a courthouse in the central Indiana town of Kokomo, police said.

They said deputies in the Howard county courthouse became suspicious of the briefcase carried by Robert Gray, a 46-year-old defendant on charges of dealing

the hallucinogenic drug LSD. The deputies brought Gray and his lawyer to the sheriff's office, where he "apparently detonated the bomh," police said:

Gray died and the sheriff was seriously injured and taken to hospital, where he underwent surgery. The lawyer and three others suffered less serious in-

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Mozart manuscripts to be auctioned

LONDON (R) — Musical manuscripts by Mozart are to be sold in London next month in what auctioneers called the most important music manuscript sale this century. Sotheby's Auction House said 500 pages representing nine symphonies by Mozart were expected to fetch a record price on May 22. The previous music-manuscript record of £330,000 (\$534,000) was paid in 1982 in London for the first full-scale working draft of Igor Stravinsky's "rite of spring."
The symphonies, composed in the 1770s before Mozart's 20th birthday, are written in brown ink on thick cream paper. They represent almost a quarter of his works and had been in the care of an anonymous collector. All other known works by Mozart are in public collections in libraries around the world, including Poland, West Berlin, Washington, New York, Vienna, Paris and

Diamond merchants unveil \$1m swimsuit

TOKYO (R) — Tokyo diamond merchants unveiled a swimsuit Wednesday billed as the world's most expensive, a hlack leather creation studded with diamonds worth \$1.5 million. The bathing suit, created by Tokyo designer Kiyoko Shimura, contained 104 stones weighing a total of 62.35 carats. It was unveiled at a diamond show along with a matching diamond necklace. Shimura said she was nervous working with the precious stones, the largest of which weighed 6.14 carats. "All of those diamonds are real," she said. An organiser said the swimsuit, which is to go on display for 10 days at a department store, -s for sale to anyone willing to pay 200 million yen (\$1.5 million).

Chris Evert divorces husband

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) — Tennis star Chris Evert Lloyd became Chris Evert again Tuesday after a brief appearance in court to complete her divorce from British tennis pro John Lloyd. The appointment to complete the divorce had been scheduled for Thursday, but she appeared at the indge's office two days early to wrap up the divorce. "She came in at 9:30 this morning with her attorney and a residency witness and asked if the judge could accommodate them this morning instead of Thursday," said Bunny Costantino, a judicial assistant for Broward Circuit Judge Joseph Price. "They had a waiver from Mr. Lloyd. It was finalised and she's gone back to her maiden name." Bob Kain, agent for Evert, said the financial agreement "is being kept private and confidential."

Dog robs butcher

TELFORD, England (AP) - Bob Holmes says a German Shepherd dog has stolen meat from his butcher shop twice and he thinks it was trained to do so. The first time the dog snatched a 5-pound (2.2-kg) bag of sausages from a display table outside. An assistant chased the fleeing hound but it escaped. The next day the dog returned, snatched pork chops from a table and dashed to a waiting car. "A woman got out, took the pork chops and was driven off by the man at the wheel with the dog running after the car," Holmes said in his shop in Telford, Central England. "I was amazed. If this goes on I'll have to think of employing a guard dog to catch the dog thief," the butcher said. Inspector Terry Lowe of Telford police said the dog appeared to have looked over the display before choosing the chops. "The dog was seen to go past the butcher's several times before it snatched the chops," he said.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

JAMPACKED By Dorothy B. Martin



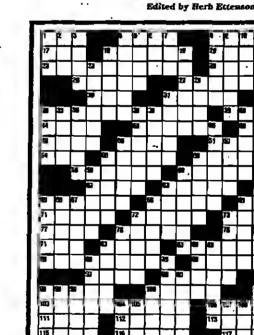
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Last Week's Cryptograms

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2. Wait? Could it be what big American industry really needs is just

some on the job straining?

World-Tamous chef was uniquely honored by brimless hat called "the

toque of the town."

4. Some men search forever for the vivacious woman who understands. CAYPTOGRAMS

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-By Philip F. Brennan

